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Donations exceeded goal for Relay

Annual event raises money, awareness for cancer.

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While there may not be a cure for cancer yet, Clemson University is doing its part to help fight the battle. This year's Relay for Life exceeded its goal and raised more than \$130,000 to be donated to the American Cancer Society.

More than 500 Clemson students, faculty and community members attended the event held last Friday, April 7. According to the American Cancer Society, more than three million Americans participated in Relay events nationwide.

For Clemson student Elizabeth Ridgeway, a junior studying early childhood education, participating in this year's Relay for Life held a close, personal meaning.

Last year on her 19th birthday, Ridgeway's mother was diagnosed with cancer. With such a personal connection to cancer, she decided she wanted to become involved with Relay for Life and was particularly interested in participating in the survivor walk with her mother. Ridgeway and her mother planned to walk the survivor walk together last year, but her mother died on March 27, one week before the event.

"It was too emotional last year to participate," Ridgeway said. "It was just too soon after her death. I wanted to do it this year in honor of my mom."

This year Ridgeway lead the Alpha Chi Omega team to raise approximately \$1,000 for Relay for Life.



TOM HAMILTON/staff

SURVIVOR WALK: Friends and family members walked alongside cancer survivors during Relay for Life last Friday. Overall, the event raised \$130,000 to be donated to cancer research.

"It was really emotional, but it's important to me even if it's hard sometimes," she said.

This is the sixth year Relay for Life has been held on campus, and Jessica Burger, co-chair of this year's Relay for Life, said it has really taken off in the past two years.

"I felt like there were more people out there than last year and definitely more candles, which was great to see that there was more awareness about the event," said Kyle Spearman, sophomore business major.

Last year, participants raised \$119,000, but Alissa Green, Clemson University Relay for Life Chair has higher hopes set for next year.

"Next year, we hope to compete with the University of Georgia, who usually raises about \$200,000 because we have outdone USC every year, and we need some bigger competition," she said.

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TOM HAMILTON/staff

IN THEIR HONOR: Volunteers put candles in luminary bags with names of people who have been affected by cancer.

PKA starts over

Fraternity returns to campus after a three-year hiatus.

CAROLINE STONE
STAFF WRITER

Pi Kappa Alpha is once again an active part of the Clemson community. After nearly three years, the fraternity is back in town with 82 new members.

"We are all excited to be back on campus and feel honored to have the chance to show Clemson what we're all about," said Matt Alexander, president of the group.

Freshman marketing major and public relations chair for Pi Kappa Alpha, Andrew Coleman, said he is honored to be a founding member of the new colony. According to Coleman, he and the other new members are working to lay a strong foundation to ensure the future success of the fraternity on campus.

In the fall semester of 2003, the University's Eta Alpha chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was suspended from campus until May 2005 by judicial services for incidents that occurred at the beginning of that semester. At the time, the University officials and fraternity officers chose not to comment on the nature of events that led

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Plaza honors Clemson's first female mayor

Working with Smith was a privilege, says Clemson City Mayor Larry Abernathy.

ERIN FOSTER
STAFF WRITER

A water plaza is being built in downtown Clemson to honor the life of the first female mayor of Clemson.

Catherine J. Smith devoted 20-plus years of public service to the city of Clemson before her death this past January. She began her service as the city's clerk-treasurer but quickly became more involved in city politics. In 1975, Smith was elected Mayor of Clemson. Smith believed in term limits and served

two terms respectively.

After serving as mayor she returned to politics, serving as the executive director of the Clemson Chamber of Commerce. Her effective leadership skills led to the creation of a Joint University/City Advisory Committee, which allowed Smith to simultaneously promote the city of Clemson and Clemson University.

Clemson's Mayor Larry Abernathy feels privileged to have worked so closely with Smith during her lifetime.

"She was very much a mother figure to me," Abernathy said. "She believed in treating everyone, regardless of their station in life, with respect and courtesy."

During her years of service, Smith focused on Clemson's outward appearance. "Beautification was very important to Catherine," Abernathy said.

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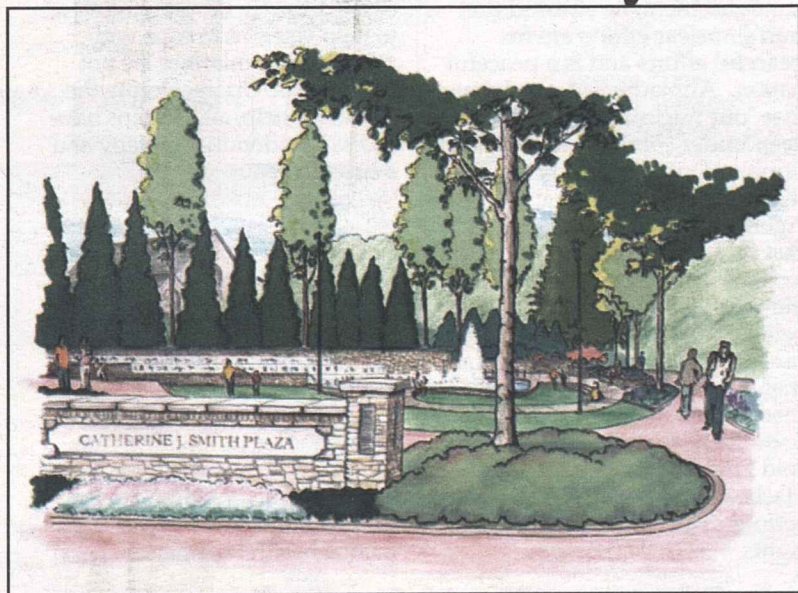


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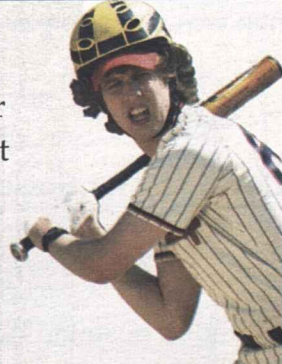
Last Saturday Clemson fans got a taste of what's to come on the gridiron in the fall, B1.

OPINIONS

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TIMEOUT

Jon Heder strikes out in new comedy, D12.



WEEKEND FORECAST

FRIDAY: Sunny



SATURDAY: Partly Cloudy 88/62

SUNDAY: Mostly Sunny 85/64

Weekly World Update

World Report

■ **42 people die in explosion:** An explosion in Karachi killed at least 42 people and injured 100 during a birthday celebration for the Prophet Mohammed on Tuesday. The explosion occurred at Nishtar Park in the southern port city of Karachi. It ripped through a stage set up by Jumaat Ahle Summat, a predominantly Sunni group. According to Pakistan's interior minister and several local media reports, the explosion sparked a confrontation between Muslims and the Karachi police. As of Tuesday, no one has claimed responsibility for the explosion. Several thousand people were present when the explosion occurred. People that were present at the rally set off petrol bombs, destroying two vehicles including one belonging to the fire department. This explosion is the second deadly incident in Karachi to take place during celebrations for the Prophet Mohammed's birthday. The total number of deaths and injuries is expected to rise.

■ **Poll names Spanish restaurant as best in the world:** The World's best restaurant was named in a poll published on Tuesday. El Bulli was cited by its 560 international food critics who compile Restaurant Magazine's list of the world's top 50 restaurants because of its eclectic menu. El Bulli's biggest competition, Fat Duck, was the only British restaurant to make it in the top 10. According to Restaurant Magazine, the French eateries have dominated the top 50 list, conquering the globe. El Bulli is located on a stretch of coastline north of Barcelona. El Bulli stays open for six months out of the year and is currently booked for 2006. El Bulli's menu is made up of some 20 small courses. Because of complaints that Restaurant Magazine was too "UK-centric," the magazine appointed panels in 20 regions from different parts of the world, each chaired by a judge.

■ **Iran joins race:** Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced on Tuesday that Iran has joined countries with nuclear technology. Iran has successfully produced low-grade enriched uranium at a level sufficient to power nuclear plants. In his announcement, he stressed that Iran's nuclear efforts are for peaceful efforts and is a peaceful nation. Ahmadinejad proclaimed that "our nuclear activities have been under complete supervision, unprecedented supervisions" by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Although Iran claims that its advancement in nuclear technology is for peaceful efforts, the West, led by the United States, believes that Iran plans to build nuclear weapons. The attention that the West is giving to Iran made Iran's nuclear program "extremely complicated," said Former President of Iran Hashemi Rafsanjani. "Iran is very serious about defending its legal rights."

National Report

■ **Law seeks to resolve abusive relationships:** Spouses and partners in abusive relationships can now leave their relationships and take their pets with them because of a new approach that the state of Maine is using. Maine is the first state to enact a new law in the United States that will include pets in protection orders for spouses and partners leaving abusive relationships. Many spouses and partners in abusive relationships refuse to leave their pets behind and continue being battered. This protection order is very critical for spouses, and thus partners seeking refuge because it provides those found guilty of abuse fines or jail time. Governor of Maine John Baldacci says the law should "give pause to abusers who might resort to violence or threats against pets as a means of keeping their victims from leaving a relationship." According to officials, it is not unusual to see an abusive spouse take their anger out on a family pet.

■ **Gas prices increase:** As people will begin traveling this summer, the gasoline prices will be steadily increasing with the temperature. Officials estimate that gasoline will increase by 25 cents per gallon, more than last summer. The average price of unleaded gasoline is 40 cents higher per gallon than last year's national average. The report by the department's of Energy Information Administration said that the growing demand, high crude oil costs, requirements for low-sulfur gasoline, and greater demand for corn-based ethanol as an additive all "are expected to keep consumer prices for motor fuels ... high in 2006." Weather or refinery problems could cause a sudden increase in the cost of gasoline if unexpected supply disruptions occur. Because of the hurricane season's unpredictability, gasoline prices could return to \$3 a gallon if crude oil prices increase sharply, and there is a concern about the damage that hurricanes could cause for producers in the Gulf of Mexico.

■ **New clinic helps veterans cope with war:** A VA clinic in Hines, Ill., is working with Veterans to deal with the war after they have finished serving their time. The clinic is treating the Veterans and screening them for post-traumatic stress disorder. Programs created to help Veterans to cope with post-war irregularities are not uncommon. Upon entering the clinics for help, all Veterans have access to individual therapy and a support group with fellow Veterans no matter what their reason for coming to the clinic is. Regardless of what a Veteran checks into the clinic for, they are screened for post-traumatic stress syndrome immediately. Doctor Chirag Raval, a psychiatrist at Hines, referred to his patients as "a different breed, and they need to be handled differently." One recent study found a third of U.S. soldiers who served in Iraq the first year of the war later sought mental health treatment.

In last week's issue of The Tiger, the recycling photograph on A-1 should have been credited to Jim Ferguson, staff. The flag planting photograph on A-5 also should have been credited to Liz Hunter, interim assistant photo editor. The Tiger apologizes for these errors.

30 seconds with...

David Bowman
General Manager of WSBF

Jenny Mason: What's playing in your CD player right now?

David Bowman: A band called Haram.

JM: What is the most overrated band right now?

DB: Can I only have one? Let's see... Death Cab for Cutie, The Killers, Saves the Day, Iron and Wine, the Go Team.

JM: What do you do for the down-time when you aren't at the radio station?

DB: I don't do anything except study and work at the radio station. I'm a grad student. We don't really have lives.

JM: If you could take someone's place in a band, who would it be?

DB: I wouldn't want to be in a band, actually. But, I would take the place of Steve Albini. He's in a band called Shellac, and he's by far the best recording engineer in history.

JM: What's your biggest pet peeve of mainstream radio?

DB: The quality of music that they play is pretty terrible. They don't play things they want to play — they play things they're told to play. They're not free thinkers.

Donation provides ability for advances in research

Powerful electron microscope one of best in country, says professor.

MARGARET FARISH
STAFF WRITER

Hitachi High Technologies has donated \$1.65 million to match dollar-for-dollar the money donated by the South Carolina legislature's State Infrastructure Improvement Act. The \$1.65 million donated to Clemson from the state came under the stipulation that it be matched from an independent enterprise.

Hitachi, the leading producer of electron microscopes in the world, willingly stepped in to help. The donation, totaling \$3.3 million, has enabled the purchase of three cutting-edge electron microscopes.

The biggest pride of Clemson's researchers is the \$1.9 million KVTEM9500 microscope which will allow for greater advances in nanotechnology. These microscopes are housed in the Clemson Research Park.

"We need to be able to understand science now at the molecular and atomic level," said Joe Kolis, the director of the Clemson University Research Foundation. "In nanotechnology, everything we research is getting smaller and smaller. We need to be using more mature equipment."

In a recent press release, JoAn Hudson, senior scientist at the electron microscope facility reiterated the importance of the microscope for further nanotechnology research.

"This equipment is essential to becoming a top research university," she said in the press release. "We now have the capability to look at everything from cancer cells to imaging

structures on the atomic level."

The KVTEM9500 microscope will allow scientists to observe the tiniest details in ways that previous microscopes didn't allow, said Kolis.

"It is highly unusual for a university to have this quality of equipment," said Chris Przirembel, vice president of research and economic development in a press release. "With this investment, Clemson arguably has the finest university electron microscopy (EM) lab in the country for viewing objects at the atomic and molecular level."

The implications for research at Clemson are great, said Kolis. Researcher and Professor Andrew Mount of Clemson's biology department has recently been studying the ways oysters form their shells. The toughness and durability of oyster shells has lately been of great interest to the Navy. With these new electron microscopes, Mount's research can go much further. Other projects that will use the new microscopes include research into solar sails and optical materials.

Research scientists are not

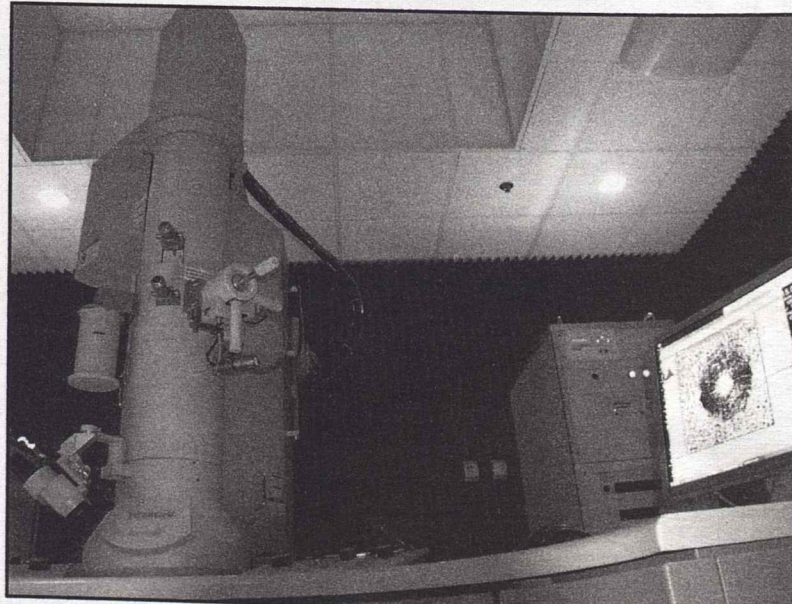
the only ones to use the new electron microscopes. There are currently around 100 students (mostly graduate students) who utilize the Research Park's resources. Outside industries will also sometimes pay a fee to use the facilities or pay researchers to do research for them. The fee is generally around \$250 an hour.

"It's a good deal, for us and for them," said Kolis.

This renting out of resources not only generates extra money for Clemson but also puts Clemson's name on the map as one of the top research facilities in the nation. This could be a key factor in Clemson becoming a Top 20 University.

On a recent tour of the Clemson Research Park with Congressman Bob Inglis, Dr. Arden L. Bement, the director of the National Science Foundation said that Clemson has one of the best electron microscopy facilities in the nation.

In his opinion, Clemson Research Park is only second to Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where the atomic bomb was created.



LOOKING CLOSELY: Scientists plan to use the electron microscope for research into solar sails and optical materials.

Max Thomason/staff

News By Numbers

10

number of days a Malaysian man was given to pay his \$218 trillion phone bill.

82

age of a Californian woman ticketed \$114 for crossing the street too slowly.

13,819

number of letters and parcels a London postman hoarded in his private home.

356 welcomes author

Bret Lott's short stories,
books and essays find
national, local attention.

CAROLINE STONE
STAFF WRITER

In the past several months many artists' and entertainers' voices have drawn crowds at downtown Clemson's new restaurant and bar, 356. It's a safe bet, however, that this past Tuesday evening marked a first for the location which once housed a discount clothing store.

At a small podium surrounded by couches full of students, professors and community members, author Bret Lott read his short story "An Evening on the Cusp of the Apocalypse" from his recently published collection "The Difference Between Women and Men."

Lott may be a familiar name to the Clemson community. His national best seller "Jewel" was a 1999 Oprah Book Club Selection. The book was later made into a television movie starring Farrah Fawcett.

His novels include "The Man Who Owned Vermont," "A Stranger's House," "Reed's Beach" and "The Hunt Club." His short story collections include "A Dram of Old Leaves" and "How To Get Home." He has also written two non-fiction works.

His short stories and essays have appeared in such journals as "The Yale Review," "The Iowa Review," "Gettysburg Review," "Story," "The Chicago Tribune" and have been read on National Public Radio. He has taught creative writing for twelve years at the College of Charleston, where he is a writer-in-residence and a professor of English; he is also on the faculty of the MFA Program in writing at Vermont College. He lives in the Charleston area with his wife and two sons.

Lott received his Master's of Fine Arts from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and studied creative writing under James Baldwin.

He taught at Ohio State University and for almost 18 years at the College of Charleston. He is currently the editor of the literary journal "Southern Review" out of LSU.

Lott also has a home in Baton Rouge, La. After Katrina, he said that he and his wife Melanie opened their home to evacuees.

Following the reading, McClure's Bookstore sold copies of Lott's books, which he signed upon request.

The University's English Department brought Lott to campus as part of its ongoing Fiction Reading Series.

Junior English and communication studies major Becky Adnot opened the night with an excerpt from her short story "How to Eat Cake in the Morning."

Students walk for safety on campus

Volunteers assess
Clemson's safety issues,
suggest improvements.

JENNY MCCALLISTER
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever walked from the library to your dorm room late at night and felt like there could have been better lighting, more emergency telephones or less dense areas that obstruct vision? The fifth annual Clemson University Safety Walk took place last Wednesday to continue the improvement of the safety of Clemson's campus.

Volunteers, split into groups, evaluated specific areas on the University's campus to see what improvements should be made. The groups consisted of an individual from the Clemson police and fire department, a student leader from Clemson University student government and student/faculty volunteers.

Upon arrival, participants received a free Safety Walk t-shirt, a key chain flash light, a barbeque dinner provided by Aramark and the opportunity to enter a drawing for door prizes.

For each region, volunteers were required to evaluate three different surveys regarding lighting, possible obstructions or hindrances and information about the emergency telephones.

The surveys required rating the topics listed above, in addition to answering questions regarding how the topics could be improved to establish a safer environment.

Volunteers assessed safety issues in the President's Park, Bowman field, the Shoebox dormitories, the Botanical Garden, Bryan Mall, Death Valley, the athletics area near Jervy, Doug Kingsmore Stadium, Lee Hall, Lightsey I and II, all residential hall parking lots, downtown on College Avenue and Clemson House.

Mary Ruth Tribble, a student volunteer, walked with a group in the Botanical Garden.

"The Safety Walk was an opportune time for students on campus to express their concern," Tribble said. Examining this area on campus with an officer and fellow students made me appreciate the University's concern for our safety. It is very important for every Clemson student to feel safe on campus during all hours day and night."

Tyler Gailey, former Health and Human Services chair of Clemson University student government, and Lindsey McKinney, current Health and Human Services chair, were the student leaders responsible for coordinating the Safety Walk this year.

By working with Student Affairs, Clemson police and fire departments, Aramark, Parking Services and Redfern Health Center, they enabled this annual event to be continued. The last Safety Walk was held in the Spring of 2004.

"I think the event was a huge success," said Gailey. "We had over 100 people attend, which was amazing due to the other events occurring on campus at that time.

We received valuable information that we will use to make the improvements that are necessary."

Gailey said that the committee has budgeted for the Safety Walk to happen again next year, continuing to add new areas for groups to walk through and evaluate.

This year, the downtown section of College Avenue was a new area that the Safety Walk included.

After receiving the surveys from each group, the Health and Human Services committee will work with the Student Affairs department and facilities and make the necessary improvements based on the information they received. The goal of the committee is to compile the information and have it in the hands of the facilities before the end of the semester.

"The Safety Walk is a great opportunity for students to submit their safety concerns about our campus," said McKinney. "We hope to take all the suggestions and make them realities throughout campus."

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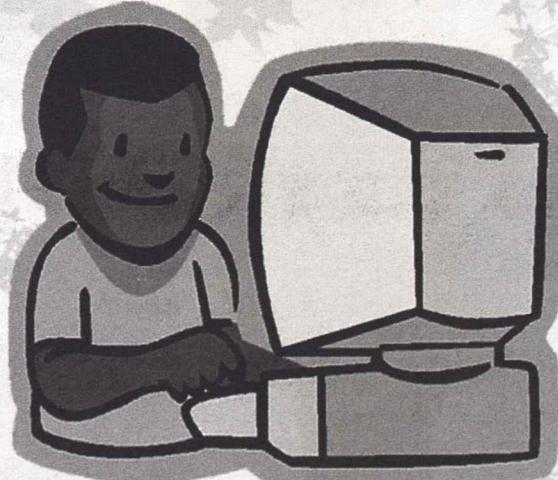
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Notice of Violation

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CLEMSON PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Clemson University Parking Citation 000000

CAROLINE RASH
STAFF WRITER

The woman was clearly unaware that we were behind her. She blocked a lane of traffic, ignored our insistent car horn and whirled past a "Do Not Enter" sign into the coveted parking space, failing to notice the parking enforcement vehicle in her rearview mirror.

"I see people do some pretty stupid things," said Tommy Brown, the second shift parking enforcement coordinator. "I like to tell people that I can't just be giving out these tickets; you have to earn mine!"

But, instead of handing out the first ticket of his shift, he explained what he focuses on during his Sunday afternoon patrol.

From 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., Brown drives or walks through most of campus — from the student lots, up past Sikes, to Thornhill Apartments and everywhere in between. One evening, he reset a pedometer right before work. It counted 60,000 steps — a walk he said he enjoys because of the people and events he sees along the way.

According to Brown, parking enforcement officers (PEOs) try to avoid ticketing near large events, such as last weekend's International Festival, because fining visitors who are unfamiliar with the rules can reflect negatively on the University.

PEOs do set up signs and directions for various activities but are more concerned with the safety and ease of travel during such events than a few cars without the proper visitors' passes.

Brown is most concerned with violations that infringe upon the rights of other students, including parking in handicapped spaces, "unloading the car" for a few hours next to a dorm and parking in 24-hour faculty (green) spaces.

According to Brown, faculty members have called to complain about their spots filling with students or visitors, so patrolling those areas are important to the PEOs.

As for unloading cars on Sunday evenings, Brown generally gives vehicles a 15 to 30 minute "benefit of the doubt" period to clear out. He also said that students can have much longer if they call the police department and report where they are going to be stationed.

Meanwhile, Brown anticipates that the handicapped parking violations will probably be

drastically reduced in the near future.

Brown has started tracing the registration of disabled tags and comparing it with the vehicle owner. Now that the PEOs have a list of vehicles and tags that do not match, it makes it easier to identify and write the ticket for the State violation and \$440. So far, there is an extensive list, including one Clemson undergrad that was "born in 1918."

Of course, any job that includes fining people and enforcing rules is going to have its share of irate violators. There are the groups of hecklers, students shooting birds (not of the ornithological variety), those driving alarmingly close to pedestrian PEOs and the ones who storm up to officers "shouting and cursing."

Perhaps these people are operating under the misconception that PEOs earn commission for ticketing more vehicles, but they do not. They certainly do not know the officers personally and have never called one to help jump-start their car. Most of these people are probably just having a bad day; so, when confronted, Brown tries to talk calmly to the person one-on-one.

"I usually stop and ask them if they've ever seen me give them a ticket or tow their car," said Brown. "I tell them not to get mad at my uniform, because I'm an individual person, and I'm going to treat them with respect and fairness if they act the same towards me."



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/staff

PKA: Members will start recruitment this fall *from page A1*

to the suspension.

According to Coleman, after the fraternity's charter was revoked, those members immediately became alumni. None of those students will be active members in the new colony.

Coleman said that consultants from the national Pi Kappa Alpha headquarters worked with other groups on campus through a referral-based recruitment to find students who would have a positive influence for the group's start.

James Forristell, one of the consultants, said faculty, administrators, athletic departments and campus organizations were involved with this search.

"We wanted to let everyone know that Pike was coming back to Clemson," he said. "We want Clemson to know what Pike is doing on campus."

After meeting with the faculty, Forristell met and interviewed recommended candidates.

With 82 mostly-freshmen members, the colony is the third largest on campus. The group also has the highest grade point average of any fraternity, a 3.01. Coleman said many of the new members are involved in other clubs and sports on campus including varsity football and cheerleading.

This semester the fraternity participated in Campus Sweep and Alpha Delta Pi's Wingin' and Singin'. Coleman said the group plans to be a part of Delta Delta's Frat's at Bat and the Alumni Work Day.

The men are currently renovating the fraternity's old house

located next to the Tiger Mart on Highway 93. When this project is completed, the house will hold 14 members.

Next fall Pi Kappa Alpha will be participating in fall fraternity rush. Forristell said that during fall rush a representative from their Memphis, Tenn., headquarters will help the fraternity with recruitment.

Associate Director of Student Activities Whitney Romanowski said that the office of Greek Life educates fraternity members on several different levels.

She said that the office holds Greek 101 training at the beginning of the semester for all new members. She said this training teaches the members, among other things, how to make smart decisions about things such as alcohol and hazing.

She said that her office also meets regularly with the presidents of each organization to take care of housekeeping items and share educational messages.

According to Romanowski, guest speakers from Redfern and the Office of Student Conduct also help educate these members.

She also said that in January of each year, her office holds a retreat where they receive "intense training" about Greek policies such as diversity and hazing.

"In that, we also educate on how to prevent negative influences in the chapters," she said. "This three-prong approach has helped to involve more than just the presidents and educate the Greek system as a whole."

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In the Books

Campus Arrests

The following were arrests made by the Clemson University Police Department between April 4 and April 10.

April 6

9:07 p.m., Michael Hayes, public disorderly conduct, Littlejohn, officer: Salisbury

9:32 p.m., Nicole Dalton, public disorderly conduct, Littlejohn, officer: McGill

April 8

2:41 a.m., Jason Crawford, public disorderly conduct, Cope, officer: Salisbury

April 9

10:00 p.m., Timothy Dwyer, public disorderly conduct, Johnstone, officer: Salisbury

1:11 a.m., Jennifer Jewell, driving under the influence, Perimeter Road, officer: Durham

5:50 a.m., Kevin Kerschner, public disorderly conduct, Hwy. 93, officer: Salisbury

April 12

2:40 a.m., Kenneth Lovelace, public disorderly conduct, Mell Hall, officer: Cassell

Crime Report

The following calls were among those that Clemson University Police responded to between April 4 and April 10.

April 5

10:39 a.m., suspicious activity, 310 Biosystems, officer: Demaio

11:59 a.m., suspicious activity, Mauldin Hall, officer: Hughes

April 6

1:00 a.m., vandalism, Natural History Museum, officer: Cassell

2:49 a.m., simple larceny, Lowry, officer: Henriksen

3:12 a.m., larceny, Strode, officer: Schiraldi

11:00 a.m., simple larceny, Centennial Ave., officer: Schiraldi

April 7

10:00 a.m., suspicious activity, Byrnes, officer: Salisbury

1:22 a.m., false I.D., Lever, officer: Harrington

10:19 a.m., grand larceny, Jordan, officer: McGill

April 9

5:20 a.m., suspicious activity, Hwy. 93, officer: Salisbury

1:45 p.m., simple larceny, Fike, officer: Demaio

April 10

8:33 a.m., simple larceny, Sirrine Parking, officer: McGill

12:54 p.m., simple larceny, Lee Hall, officer: Moore

April 11

9:18 a.m., damage to property, Lightsey Bridge, officer: McGill

7:50 p.m., grand larceny, Thornhill, officer: Schiraldi

April 12

7:00 p.m., robbery, University Union, officer: Cassell

Fire Report

The following calls were among those that Clemson University Fire Department responded to between April 4 and April 10.

April 5

1:33 p.m., brush fire, Martin Hall, CUFD

4:14 p.m., grass fire, Hwy. 93, CUFD

RELAY: Sets goal

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Student organizations had the option of setting up tables around the makeshift course behind Cooper Library. The course was lined by luminaries with names of people who had been affected by cancer in some way.

Sixty teams with anywhere from 10 to 50 members participated. Entertainment at this year's event included six scheduled bands, a DJ and games, such as tug-of-war and water pong.

"I was really proud to walk around and see all the tents and know that everyone was raising money for such a great cause," Ridgeway said. "It was really touching, seeing all the luminaries and things. It was a cool experience altogether."

—Tiffany Voss contributed to this article

CITY: Honors life

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Smith's daughter, Sandy Smith, said Smith was on the original Economic Downtown Revitalization Committee. "Mother has seen a lot of changes to the city over the past years," Sandy Smith said. "This plaza is the final piece of what she helped to start."

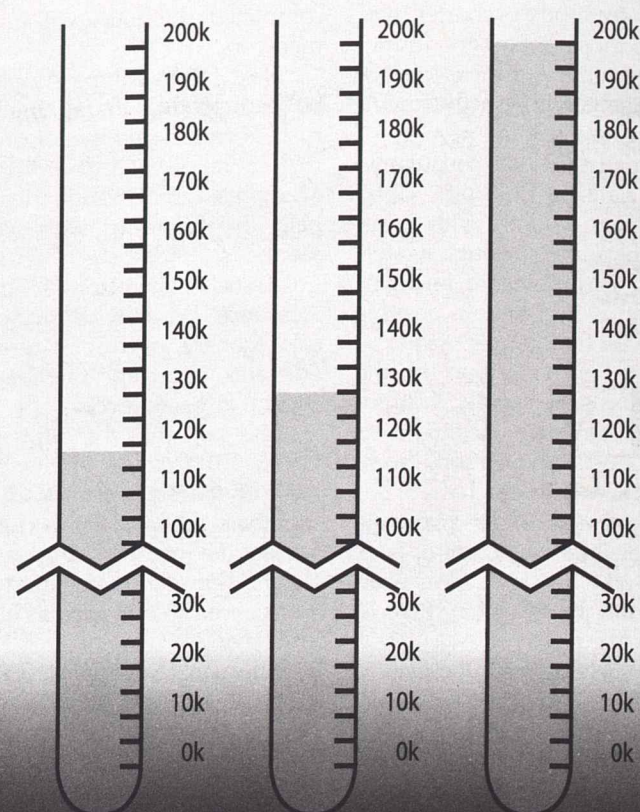
According to the Catherine J. Smith Planning Committee, the plaza will be located at the intersection of College and Edgewood avenues, just below Fort Hill Presbyterian Church and will have two fountains, benches, walkways and a large tree-planted area. The committee hoped the plaza will attract visitors and locals.

The committee expects the total cost of the plaza to be \$350,000. The city pledged \$200,000 to the final costs, but the remaining funds will be raised through private donations. According to Chip Boyles, assistant administrator to the city of Clemson, \$77,000 was donated over the past year.

"The donations have really taken hold after her death," Boyles said.

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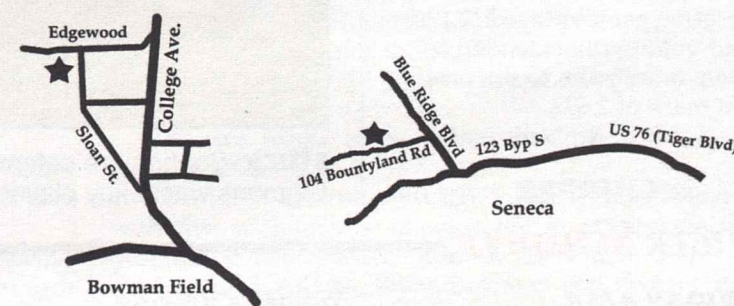
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Saturday @ 9 PM

SPORTS

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JOSH FORT

sports editor

A thing of the past

With the opening day of baseball almost two weeks in our rear view mirror, a random thought occurred to me when I was trying to think of a subject for my column (actually my boss Julie thought up the topic but who's counting, right?). In modern sports, there is an overwhelming amount of inconsistency among professional athletes to stay with one team for longer than just a year or two.

Trades and free agency have always been a part of pro-sports but in today's day and age, switching teams yearly is not anything new. The days seem to have passed when stars like the "Ironman" Cal Ripken Jr., Dan Marino, John Stockton and Mario Lemieux all spent at least 10 years in the same city, playing for the same team.

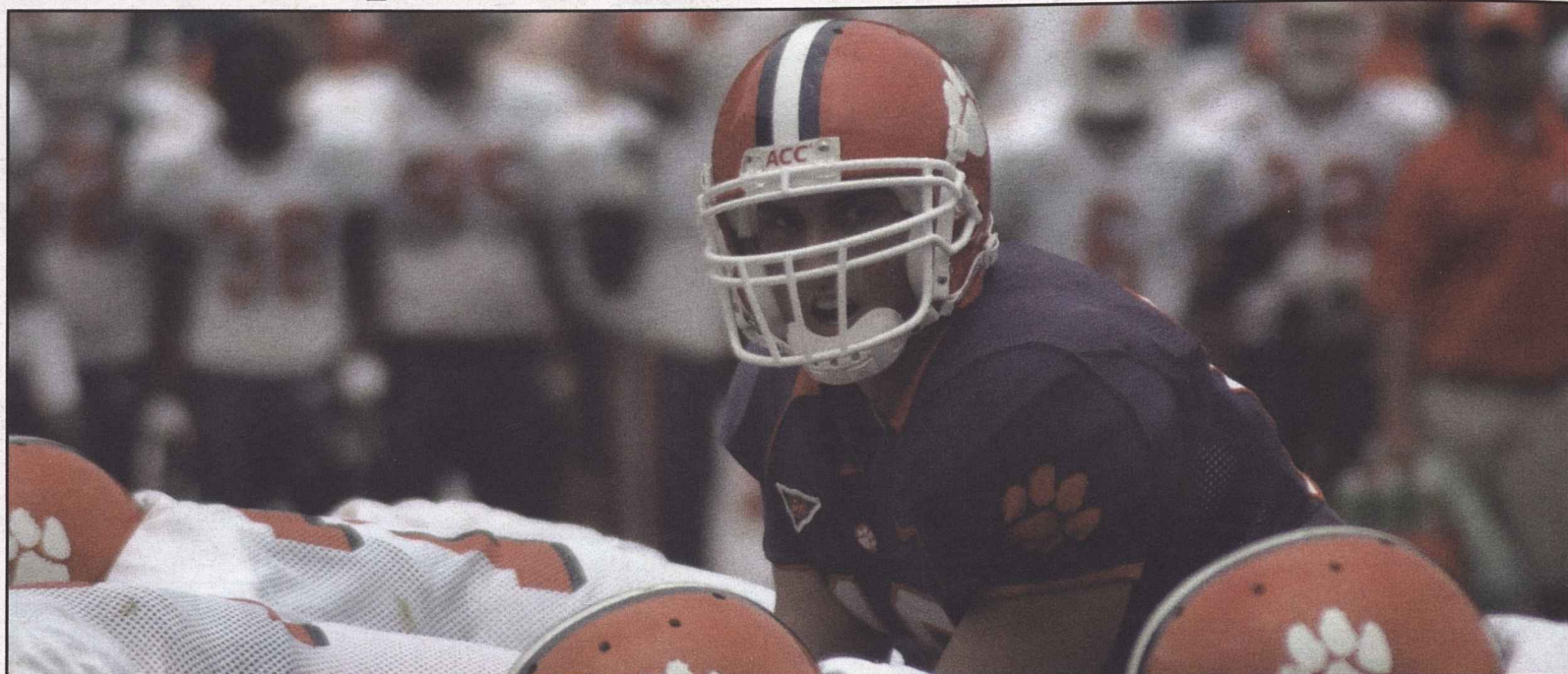
Most of the time, players leave cities that they have called home for years for one reason: money. This isn't to say that it is necessarily always the players that want more money (see Gary Sheffield), sometimes it's the teams that cut loyal veterans to make room on their team salary for a fat new contract (Denver Broncos and Trevor Pryce).

For instance, future Hall of Famer Cal Ripken, Jr. never made \$7 million in one single season during his 20-year career with the team that drafted him, the Baltimore Orioles. To give you a comparison, speedy shortstop Rafael Furcal will make almost \$9 million this year with the LA Dodgers. But back to Ripken's career, he was Rookie of the Year, AL MVP, a 19-time All-Star, career fielding percentage of .979 and 431 homeruns. Oh yeah I almost forgot, he broke Lou Gehrig's record for most consecutive games played (2,130) and voluntarily extended it three more years to the present mark of 2,632.

A guy of Ripken's mag-

see **CHIPPER**, page B4

White prevails in O&W game



TOM HAMILTON/staff

UNDER CENTER: Quarterback Cullen Harper, from Sequoyah High School in Alpharetta, Ga., lines up behind the White offensive line. The sophomore will head into fall practice battling for the second-team quarterback spot with classmate Tribble Reese.

Defense dominates annual contest by forcing seven interceptions and recording 15 quarterback sacks.

ERIC SPROTT

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ZACK MAULDIN

SPORTS LAYOUT EDITOR

Offense

While the offenses of the Orange and White teams looked sluggish in the spring game, there is little cause for concern.

The White team went on to win by a final margin of 24-14, but the final score really doesn't matter in the end.

For the most part the game was not an accurate representation of what Tiger fans can expect to see on the field this fall. The

starting lineups of both teams featured reserves that were given the chance to shine in a game-type situation, while many veterans didn't see the field all too often.

Clemson's top two receivers, Aaron Kelly and Chansi Stuckey, both sat the game out due to injury, leaving very few proven receivers as targets for the Tiger quarterbacks.

The Tiger's top two running backs, James Davis and Reggie Merriweather, combined for all of ten carries for 22 yards. Both of these players have proven themselves on the field and were able to sit back and enjoy most of the game while not risking unnecessary injuries.

In their absence, junior walk-on Paul Macko was able to shine as he picked up 66 yards on 12 carries, including a touchdown for the victorious White team.

What grabs most people's attention is how the three Tiger quarterbacks combined to throw seven interceptions, including three

from projected starter Will Proctor, who was at the helm for the Orange team.

While some fans might be alarmed, this was a simulated game where the defense could earn a sack by tagging the quarterback. Proctor had a very productive spring overall, and he has already started a collegiate game. Although it was against lowly Duke, he did lead the Tiger offense to 49 points.

The intercepted passes thrown by Proctor were mainly attempts to get the ball to Orange receiver Rendrick Taylor, who stole the show this past Saturday. On only four catches, Taylor managed to rack up 174 yards, including a 97-yard touchdown off of a screen pass from Tribble Reese.

Taylor, who possesses an amazing combination of size and speed, was playing from the newly created J-Back position. The position, created specifically for Taylor by offensive coordinator Rob Spence, can function like a wide receiver, tight end, full back, or tailback. This can create tremendous mismatches for opposing defenses, which showed this past Saturday.

As far as other notable performances go, running back Demerrick Chancellor had a solid day out of the backfield. The red-shirt freshman managed 43 yards on 12 carries, while adding a touchdown for the Orange squad.

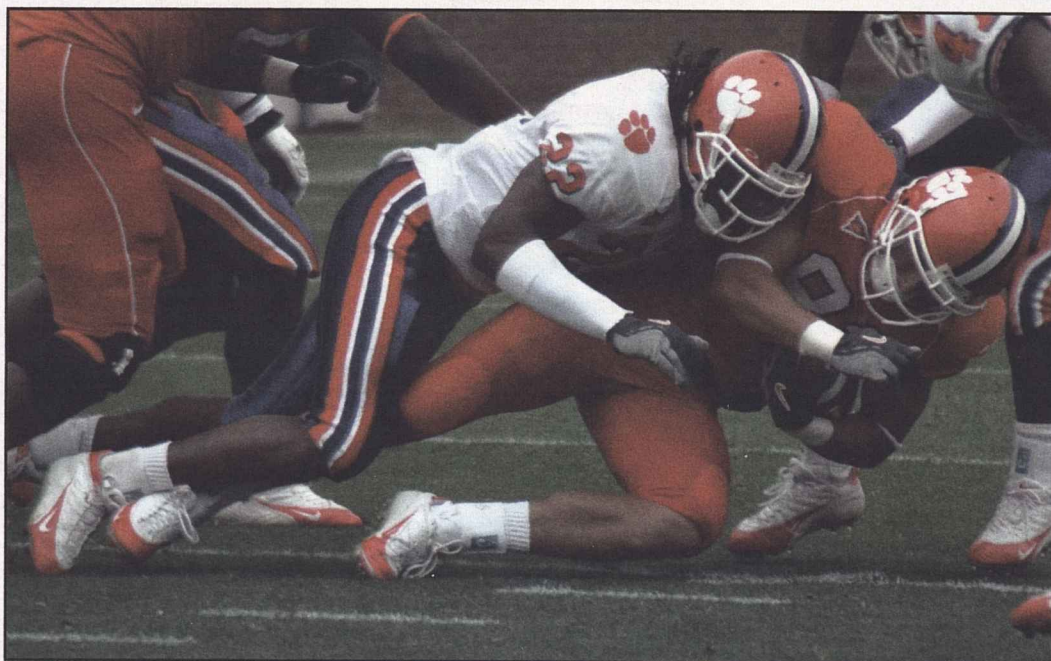
With highly touted recruit C.J. Spiller coming in, Chancellor showed he shouldn't be lost in the mix of running backs and will provide excellent depth in the backfield for the Tigers.

For the White squad, sophomore receiver Tyler Grisham also put together a nice ball game, as he led the squad with nine catches for 106 yards.

Newly appointed starting fullback Alex Pearson, a local product out of Greenville High, was able to haul in the White's only receiving touchdown on a nine yard pass from Cullen Harper.

When the fall rolls around, expect the

see **FOOTBALL**, page B2



TOM HAMILTON/staff

STUCK: Sophomore defensive back Chris Clemons tackles receiver Nelson Faerber. Clemons was a key player on a White defense that generated five turnovers.

TIGER SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 4/14

Women's Track

Solid Orange Classic —
Clemson, S.C. — 5 p.m.

Men's Track

Solid Orange Classic —
Clemson, S.C. — 5 p.m.

Baseball

vs. Georgia Tech — Atlanta,
Ga. — 7 p.m.

Women's Rowing

vs. Stanford, UCLA,
Washington St. — Redwood
Shores, Calif. — TBA

SATURDAY 4/15

Men's Tennis

vs. Boston College —
Clemson, S.C. — 9 a.m.

Women's Tennis

vs. North Carolina State —
Clemson, S.C. — 11 a.m.

Baseball

vs. Georgia Tech —
Atlanta, Ga. — 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis

vs. Maryland —
Clemson, S.C. — 2 p.m.

Women's Rowing

vs. Stanford, UCLA,
Washington St. — Redwood
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Men's Track

Solid Orange Classic —
Clemson, S.C. — All Day

Women's Track

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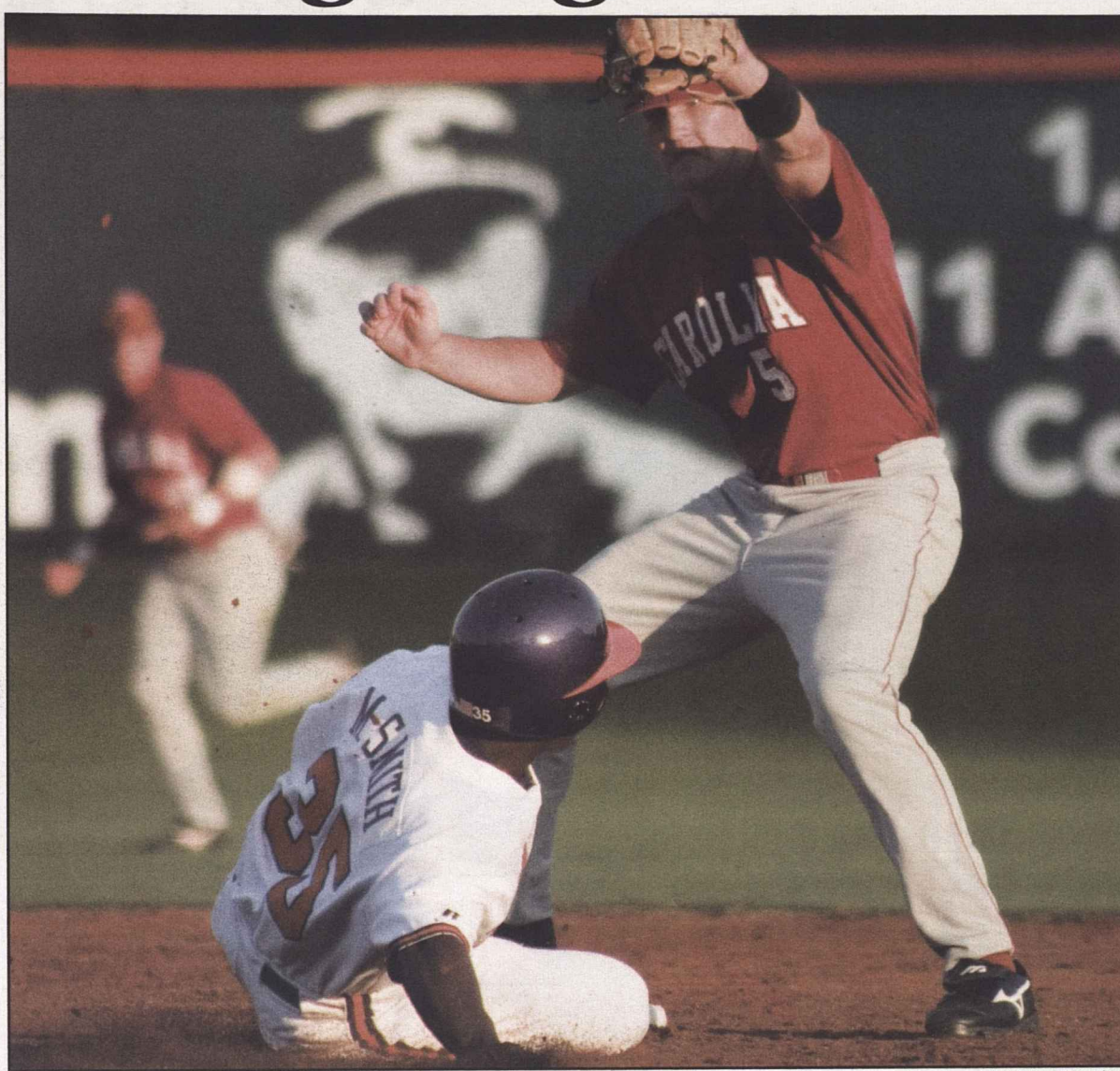
The fifth-ranked Tiger baseball team will travel to Atlanta to take on Georgia Tech this weekend, page B5

INSIDE

Tigers win third straight against USC



CAN OF CORN: Clemson outfielder Travis Storrer settles under a fly ball in Wednesday's 10-5 win over the Gamecocks.



SAFE: Tiger baserunner Marquez Smith slides into second base safely against South Carolina on Wednesday. Clemson won its third game against the Cocks to win the season series.

Clemson baseball team sweeps Maryland, then beats Western Carolina and South Carolina.

ROY WELSH
STAFF WRITER

After an inconsistent start to the 2006 campaign, the Clemson baseball team is finally in a groove. During the last week of action, the Tigers have gone 5-0, sweeping the University of Maryland, beating Western Carolina 8-3 on Tuesday night and defeating South Carolina 10-5 on Wednesday evening.

Clemson continued its dominant play in the Atlantic Coast Conference by sweeping the Maryland Terrapins last weekend. After starting out 0-3 in the conference, the Tigers have rattled off nine consecutive ACC wins. In Friday's 3-1 victory, Clemson's Josh Cribb pitched a complete game, striking out nine Terrapin batters in a game that took one hour and fifty nine minutes. While Maryland's Casey Boran pitched seven and a third

strong innings, Cribb was in dominating form and improved his record to 6-0.

Clemson returned to the diamond on Saturday afternoon, and many Tiger fans strolled over to Tiger Field after the annual Orange and White game. The Tigers capped off a great day on the Clemson campus with a 3-2 win over the Terps.

Clemson fans got the chance to see two innings of bonus baseball before the Tigers finally won the game in the 11th inning. Travis Storrer's sacrifice fly plated Tyler Colvin in the bottom of the 11th inning to give Clemson the victory. Daniel Moskos got the win for the Tigers, improving his record to 3-4.

The Tigers broke out the bats in Sunday's rubber match and battered Maryland pitchers en route to a 15-7 win. Andy D'Alessio, who has been on a tear at the plate over the past few weeks, had five RBI's in the game and hit a grand slam in the third inning. D'Alessio has hit 17 RBI's with the bases loaded this season. Stan Widmann added three RBI's and Alex Burg and Taylor Harbin had two RBI's a piece. Stephen Faris picked up the win for Clemson and improved to 4-0 on the season.

On Tuesday evening, the Tigers trav-

eled up to Cullowhee, N.C. to take on Western Carolina. Marquez Smith, Andy D'Alessio and Tyler Colvin all homered to lead the Tigers to an 8-3 win. P.J. Zocchi earned the win for Clemson, boosting his record to 3-0.

It was an emotional evening for Western Carolina as Keith LeClair's jersey was retired. LeClair, who played and coached under Jack Leggett when he was a coach at Western Carolina, has been battling Lou Gehrig's disease for the past four years.

A capacity crowd of 5,617 packed into Tiger Field Wednesday for the final game of the season's four-game series, and those wearing orange were not disappointed.

Clemson cruised to a 10-5 victory over the Gamecocks to clinch the series. Demmink, Storrer and Colvin each had two hits a piece to lead the Tigers. Adrian Cassanova homered to left in the fourth inning. It was the fourth round-tripper of the season for the senior catcher.

D'Alessio had a two-RBI double down the right field line that scored Chalk and Harbin. The double extended D'Alessio's hitting streak to 12 games and improved his league leading RBI total to

51. Clemson's David Kopp improved to 2-0 with the win, and Carolina's Andrew Cruse fell to 3-1 on the season.

Kopp went six innings and surrendered one earned run on five hits. He struck out two Gamecocks and walked one.

Clemson rebounded to win three straight games and the series after dropping the first contest in Columbia 6-2.

Clemson sophomore pitcher Daniel Moskos was awarded the 2006 Bob Bradley award for the MVP of the series with the Gamecocks. The southpaw from Alta Loma, Calif., pitched eight innings and gave up just one run on two hits.

Third baseman Neil Geisler won the Tom Price award for the Gamecocks.

The Tigers improved to 28-8 on the season with the victory. Jack Leggett is now 27-20 lifetime against the archrival Gamecocks.

Clemson returns to the diamond Friday evening at 7 p.m., when they begin a pivotal three-game set with the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in Atlanta. Tech is 25-8 overall on the season.

All of the games are available on 104.9 FM, with the Sunday game airing on Fox Sports Net at 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Defense dominates in 24-14 White victory *from page B1*

Tiger offense to be an explosive one. Most of the starters return, and with an extra year of experience, not to mention the added potential of C.J. Spiller, the Tigers should be lighting up the scoreboard come September.

Defense

Rebounding from the loss of probable first-round cornerback Tye Hill and senior safety Jamaal Fudge, the Clemson secondary is supposedly in a "rebuilding year."

In a scrimmage two weeks ago, Tiger quarterbacks combined to go 34-of-44 for 416 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions, further strengthening the argument that the secondary is the weak point of the team heading into the 2006 season. Following last weekend's spring game, that may not necessarily be a bad thing for the Tiger faithful.

"If the defensive backfield is the weak point, the sky is the limit for this team," said Clemson fan Will Albertson, who made the trek from Woodstock, Ga., to watch the Tigers in their final spring practice.

Senior cornerback Sergio Gilliam had three of the White team's five interceptions to lead the dominating defense of the winning squad. The Greer High School product is penciled in at second-team cornerback behind

senior Duane Coleman heading into the season.

Junior C.J. Gaddis picked off starting Orange quarterback Will Proctor in the second quarter and returned the ball 35 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Gaddis also delivered a devastating hit on freshman running back Demerick Chancellor as he crossed the goal line late in the first half and recorded four tackles.

Also for the White team, sophomore safety Michael Hamlin pulled down an interception for a 20-yard return.

On the Orange side of the ball, freshman defensive back Sadat Chambers and walk-on Terrance Odom each picked off a pass.

For a quarterback to be considered down, he only had to be tagged. As a result, the two teams combined for 15 sacks in the 48-minute game.

Sophomore Antonio Clay, junior Jermaine Martin and senior Brandon Cannon each had two sacks for the winning White team, while senior Gaines Adams added one more.

Junior Kwam Williams, sophomore Rashaad Jackson and freshman Antwon Murchison each pulled down White quarterbacks two times. Senior linebacker Tramaine Billie and sophomore Adrian Kindred both recorded a sack as well for the Orange team.

Orange junior linebacker Maurice Nelson led all

tacklers with seven, while Clay and Martin both had six for the White squad. Williams and Jackson each had five stops, and sophomores Cortney Vincent and Chris Clemons both had four for the Orange and White teams, respectively. Billie and junior safety Chris Stone added three tackles each for Orange.

The two teams combined offensively for only 380 yards in 48 minutes of play.

The Tiger defense is young heading into the fall, with five sophomores amongst the 11 starters on the post-spring depth chart, three on the line and two in the backfield. Adams, Billie, Coleman and middle linebacker Anthony Waters are the only seniors in the starting lineup.

The already young and talented Clemson D will be helped out when signees Ricky Sapp (DL), Jamie Cumbie (DL), Byron Maxwell (DB), Crezdon Butler (DB), Darius Gaither (DB), Jeremy Campbell (LB), DeAndre McDaniel (DB) and Kevin Alexander (LB) hit the practice fields in early August looking to crack the two-deep and possibly the starting lineup.

If this season is to fulfill its potential as a special one in Tigertown, the Clemson defense must return to prominence.

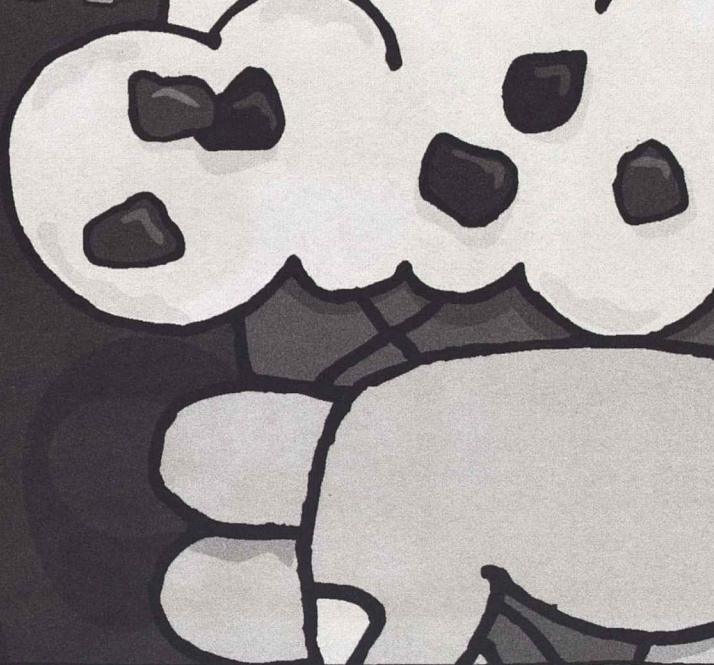
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Lady Tigers upend fifth-ranked Heels

After falling to Duke, Clemson women record first top ten win over UNC.

SARAH PORRI
STAFF WRITER

Despite dropping a match on Saturday to No. 14 Duke, the Clemson Lady Tigers tennis team was able to rebound quickly and defeat ACC foe North Carolina.

The Tar Heels were the fifth ranked team in the country before suffering just their second conference loss of the season. The loss drops the Tar Heels to 23-4 overall and 8-2 in the ACC.

The win bumps the Lady Tigers up to 13-6 this season and 6-3 in the ACC. This is the first win over a top-10 team for the Lady Tigers this season.

The Lady Tigers' match against UNC got off to a rocky start as Clemson trailed 3-1 after losing the doubles point and two singles matches. In doubles action, the ninth-ranked pairing of sophomore Carol Salge and freshmen Frederica van Adrichem fell to the Tar Heels' seventh-ranked pair of Sara Anundsen and Jenna Long 8-3 in the first flight.

Lady Tar Heels' players Catlin Collins and Tanja Markovic beat Clemson Lady Tigers Daniela Alvarez and Alexandra Luc nine to eight in the second flight.

North Carolina's Meg Fanjoy and Austin Smith defeated Maria Brito and Marie Scriba at the flight three position nine to seven. This is only the second time all season that the Lady Tigers have lost all doubles matches.

However, things started looking brighter as the Lady Tigers got on the board after Salge beat Catlin Collins of UNC. This was her fourth win over a ranked player.

Other Lady Tigers followed suit by taking out the Tar Heels in the next three matches. Luc decreased the Tar Heels lead by one with her win over Laura Reichert 7-5 and 6-4.

Van Adrichem came back to win her singles match against Anundsen and tied the score at three.

Lady Tiger Maria Brito sealed the win for the day as she defeated Austin Smith in the third set. The score for the match was 3-6, 7-6 and 7-6.

This was the only match of the day that went to three sets. The Tar Heels tried to come back with a win over Marie Scriba in the final pairing, but the Lady Tigers had already closed the deal with the Tar Heels, 4-3.

This weekend holds the final matches of the regular season for the Lady Tigers. They will take on the North Carolina State Wolfpack at Hoke Sloan Tennis Center at 11a.m. on Saturday.

Clemson will turn around and face conference foe Wake Forest on Sunday at noon.



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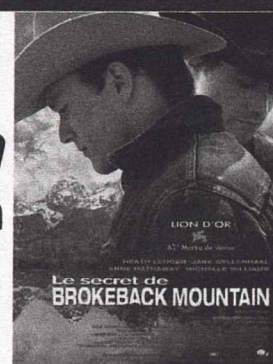
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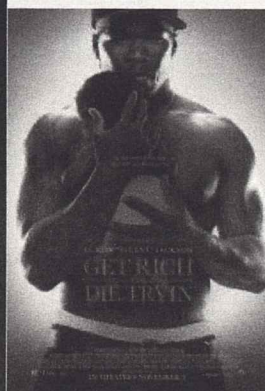
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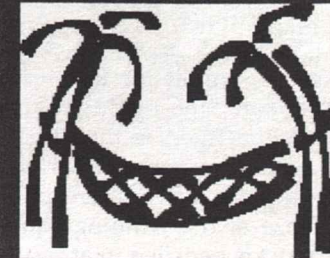
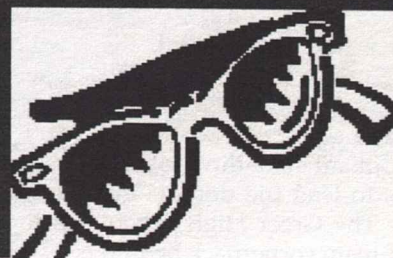
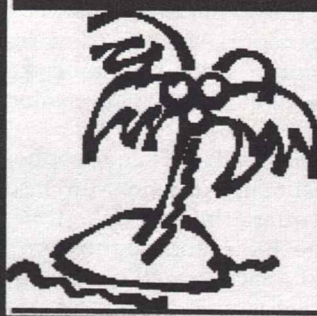
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CHIPPER: Unselfishness in pro sports is a rare commodity *from page B1*

nitude could have named his price and still played for any team in the majors; his numbers might not win a World Series, but think about the fans he would attract; he's a living legend. Even in a place like Milwaukee, where Cubs and Cards fans routinely outnumber the Brewer faithful, they would have scrapped up enough money to give Cal whatever he wanted. But he

didn't leave because he loved Baltimore, his fans and his home state Maryland. And in return, the Orioles loved him and kept him for as long as he wanted to play.

Most fans do not realize that a player as unselfish as Cal can still exist in today's cutthroat financial world of pro-sports. But one of the overlooked good guys of the MLB is in our own backyard, Chipper Jones.

Jones, who is currently in his 13th year with the Braves, restructured his contract during this off-season to allow Atlanta to keep Tim Hudson for a few more years and attempt to keep Furcal in a Braves uniform.

Jones allowed his contract to be reduced from \$17 million to \$11 million, obviously saving the Braves \$6 million, but this renegotiation could save Atlanta even more money. In the long

run, the Braves will be saving at least \$4 million over the next three years, but Atlanta could save as much as \$15 million, depending on performance based incentives within Jones' contract.

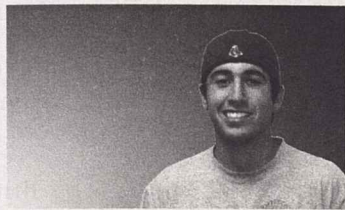
Jones may not have the consecutive games streak of Ripken (he is a little injury prone) or his Hall of Fame numbers, but he does have loyalty, which is an even rarer commodity than

the outrageous statistics that have become so commonplace.

On Jones's official Web site chipperjones.com, he writes on his frequently asked questions page that he has grown up with Atlanta and he hopes to finish his career in Atlanta.

I have to admit, after growing up with Chipper in Atlanta, I hope he stays at Turner Field as a Brave until he retires as well.

Friday fantasy baseball picks



Nick Mucci

staff writer

For my friends and me who are all ex-high school athletes that would have had the talent to play division three athletics in a wide variety of sports, fantasy baseball is "kind of a big deal." For most of us, life is sometimes difficult without competitive sports, so we turn to fantasy baseball to fill that void. The feeling of beating a close pal in week one of fantasy now feels similar to the seemingly long forgotten days of overtime high school soccer victories under the lights or last second free throws in a basketball game to win the state championship.

For our league "for fat people only" in honor of our great friend "Fatty T," the draft took place a week prior to the season. After every pick, someone would always have a comment. "Lousy pick," "over-rated" and even the rare "hey man good pick," if you were lucky, were just a few things you would hear if you peeked into our draft room that night. All that evening my friends and I were straight faced and all business leading up to and continuing through the draft. We were all huddled over our computers reading up on various Web sites, checking out depth charts, looking for a sleeper that could make the difference and bring home the title.

The draft was successful, and everyone left happy with their teams and very confident. Assuming all members of the league know their stuff, most fantasy leagues are going to start out pretty even and will allow for an exciting season. Those who make key roster moves during the season by picking up little known free agents tend to have a slight edge over their competition. Examples of players like these last year were the Mets' third basemen David Wright or local favorite Jeff Francoeur of the Braves. So, here are just a few of many players that will make a name for themselves this year — a few that get the privilege to take part in America's pastime and captivate the minds of millions of fans as yet another eternal spring gives hope for all major league clubs, professional and fantasy alike.

Jonathon Papelbon — Red Sox: Unless you are a Red Sox fan like me, you probably don't know much about this guy. In the first week of the season, Papelbon has already recorded four saves. Keith Foulke is not ready to assume his every day closer role at this point in the season, so Papelbon, who is pitching as well as any pitcher on the Red Sox staff, may get several more save chances. Even when Foulke does return, Papelbon is expected to be one of the top set-up men for the Sox, so he will still give you quality innings regardless. With Foulke's situation still very "iffy," pick up Papelbon especially if you have Foulke on your roster for security reasons.

Ervin Santana — Angels: In the first week, all this young Dominican did was beat the Yankees by only allowing one run off a home run in 5.2 innings pitched. Santana will find himself as the fifth starter for the Angels, something that will warrant great match-ups and give him the opportunity to win several games.

Felix Hernandez — Mariners: Another starting pitcher to keep your eyes on is Felix Hernandez from Seattle. He has been deemed the future of their pitching staff by many in the organization. Also a fifth starter, look for Hernandez to turn some heads with his electric stuff this year.

Hanley Ramirez — Marlins: As part of a team that has a payroll of \$15 million, an amount equal to that of several individual players in the league, Ramirez is just one of many young stars on the Marlins roster. The Red Sox reluctantly gave Ramirez up this off-season to acquire Josh Beckett but had previously had big plans for him. Ramirez is major league ready, and although the Marlins won't win too many games, look for him to shine.

Prince Fielder — Brewers: With a first name of Prince and the well known last name Fielder, this first basemen seems destined for stardom. Son of former home run king Cecil Fielder, Prince looks to follow in his daddy's rather large shoes as a slugger who will be a force to reckon with for years to come in this league. The Brewers are off to a great start, and Prince will be one reason the Brewers make a nice run this year and give their fans something to cheer about for the first few months of the season.

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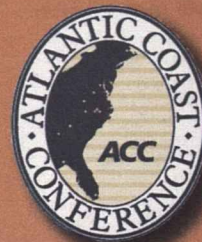


Baseball America Top 25 Poll

1. Cal State Fullerton
2. Rice
3. North Carolina
4. Florida State
5. Clemson
6. Nebraska
7. South Carolina
8. Texas
9. Alabama
10. Mississippi State
11. Oregon State
12. Arkansas
13. Arizona State
14. Georgia Tech
15. Old Dominion
16. North Carolina State
17. Oklahoma
18. Vanderbilt
19. Kentucky
20. Southern California
21. College of Charleston
22. Creighton
23. San Diego
24. Baylor
25. Winthrop



WHAT'S THE VERDICT?: Clemson shortstop Stan Widmann and a South Carolina player await the umpire's decision in the Tigers' 10-5 victory at Doug Kingsmore Stadium Wednesday.



Standings

Team	Conf.	Overall
Atlantic		
Florida State	12-3	31-4
Clemson	9-3	26-8
NC State	10-5	27-9
Wake Forest	9-6	25-11
Maryland	6-12	15-20
BC	4-11	18-15
Coastal		
UNC	9-6	27-7
Miami	9-6	24-12
Georgia Tech	8-7	25-8
Virginia	8-7	27-9
Duke	4-11	11-26
Virginia Tech	2-13	13-19

DANIEL TAYLOR STAFF WRITER

Now well into the heart of the rigorous baseball season, Coach Jack Leggett's Tigers are playing their best ball yet. After being swept in a series with fellow ACC member Virginia back on March 19 and receiving some negative talk from baseball fanatics, a sudden jolt has shot through the squad much like a 12-year-old chugging a can of Red Bull. Since that series with the Cavaliers, Clemson has put up a 14-2 stretch with one of those losses only coming in an extra inning dogfight with Georgia. Left in the wake of the Tigers' recent surge were conference foes Miami, N.C. State and Maryland. All suffered a sweep from this recharged Clemson team. Outstanding pitching has been the backbone all year for the team, but the key to the Tiger's rally has been the increased offensive production.

Unlike earlier in the season, four starting Tigers (Tyler Colvin, Andy D'Alessio, Stan Widmann and Brad Chalk) are now averaging more than a .300 batting average. Herman Demmink at .299 and Taylor Harbin at .291 are not far off the mark either. At one point during the year, fans wondered where the Tigers' runs would come from, but first baseman D'Alessio has emerged as the batting king for Clemson. He leads the team in hits (46), homers (11), runs batted in (49) and slugging percentage (.679). Colvin has been critical in setting up many RBI for the

Tigers. He leads the team in on base percentage, stolen bases and runs scored.

Now with an overall record of 25-8, No. 5 Clemson is clearly playing its best ball of the season, and the orange-clad faithful hope the momentum continues during this weekend's trip to Atlanta for a much-anticipated match-up versus Georgia Tech. Both teams have been ranked as high as No. 1 this year, and a sweep in the series would likely mean a jump in the polls for both ACC schools.

Ranked at No. 10 in the country, the Yellow Jackets will be a strong test for the Tigers. Georgia Tech started the year off with a sixteen game winning-streak, just one game short of a school record. However, losing two of three games to both Maryland and N.C. State knocked the Jackets down from the top spot in the polls. Their record is now identical to the Tigers at 25-8, but they prove to be a much stronger foe at home inside Russ Candler Stadium.

In 2006 the Jackets are 17-3 in Atlanta, posting a 3.50 ERA holding opponents to a .254 batting average. On the road, their ERA nearly doubles to 6.09, and opponents average .318 batting.

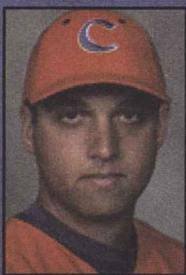
Tech depends on their ability to put up a lot of run support for their moderate pitching staff. Thirteen times this year the Jackets have scored in double digits, and their highest total of 25 came earlier this year against Rutgers. A sudden flurry of runs can come from anywhere in the order as six players have more than 20 RBI (only

D'Alessio and Colvin are as productive for Clemson). Each of these Tech starters average more than .300, and all have at least 22 runs scored. This slugging sextet has proved to be unstoppable to most opponents, and it is the reason for the Jackets' impressive season. Shortstop Michael Fisher is the only weak area of the Jacket's lineup (.245), but even he has been productive on the base path on his way to 28 runs scored.

While Clemson can rest-assured on its stellar starting pitching, Tech lacks a true leader in that area. The giant 6 foot 5 inch starter Blake Wood has seen the most action for the Jackets, but his 6-3 record and 4.47 earned run average are not impressive enough to be deemed team ace. Reliever Brad Rulon actually leads the team with a 2.79 earned run average in his 16 appearances. While respectable, his earned run average is surprising to be a team-best on a squad as successful as Georgia Tech. Tiger starters Jason Berken, Stephen Faris and Josh Cribb all post better ERAs than Rulon, as well as three regular Tiger reliever pitchers.

The question mark for the Jackets going into this weekend's match-up will clearly be its pitching, and they will likely use a variety of players against the Tigers looking for someone to gel into a lock-down hurler.

The series starts up tonight at 7 p.m. Fans not making the trip can catch both tonight and tomorrow's game on 104.9 FM. Sunday's game will be televised on Fox Sports Net at 1 p.m.



D'ALESSIO



MOSKOS

Tiger first baseman Andy D'Alessio has made a home here in the key player section. He has 11 home runs and 51 RBI so far this season, and his continued hot hitting will be crucial in Atlanta. Relief pitcher Daniel Moskos has also been playing well as of late, contributing solid pitching late in tight games. His relief pitching complements an already stout starting rotation, and he could make a difference this weekend against the highly ranked Yellow Jackets.



HODGES



PAYNE

While the Yellow Jackets don't boast an impressive pitching staff, their bats are certainly a force to be reckoned with. Third baseman Wes Hodges and center fielder Danny Payne pace Georgia Tech's potent offense. Hodges leads the Jackets with an impressive .364 average and has 36 RBI, which is second on the team. Payne is right behind Hodges with a .362 average and 33 RBI. The two are tied for the team lead in home runs with seven apiece.

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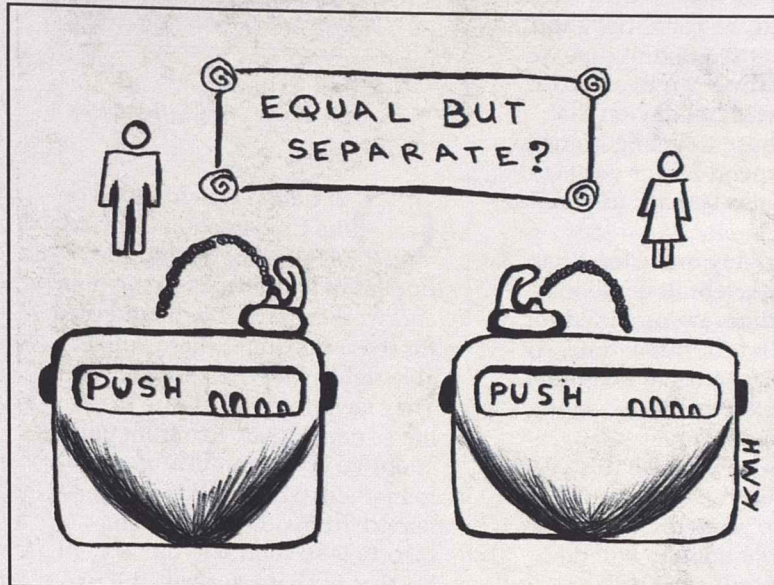
Same-sex education far too costly

For decades, America has fought to ensure equality in public education. Why, then, is there an increasingly popular movement to separate males and females into different classes at school? This "same-sex education" initiative has taken hold in nearly 200 schools nationwide. Many of the participating schools adopted the program as a last resort to raise test scores and improve deteriorating student performance. While schools would remain co-ed, individual classes would be composed solely of one gender or the other. Because students receive the same quality education in the same facilities and often with the same instructors, the practice is deemed legitimately "separate but equal" and is not forbidden by Title IX.

Studies have found that students who attend class exclusively with those of their own gender score higher on standardized tests, perform better academically and require fewer office referrals. Some attribute this to the reduction of adolescent drama involved with budding hormones and societal expectations of gender norms.

Beyond simply separating boys and girls, same-sex education would employ different techniques to more effectively convey information and lessons to students. Teachers can cater learning styles to the group they are teaching; lessons for boys would include competition and physical activity, while girls would be in a more nurturing atmosphere conducive to discussion. Arguably, more appropriate teaching styles increase test scores by appealing to gender-specific needs.

Schools have found that separating the sexes has worked to break gender roles. Boys in an all-male environment are more willing to pursue subjects not traditionally viewed as "masculine," such as theater, poetry and music. Girls are more apt to participate in competitive sports and to excel in math and science if separated



from their male counterparts.

However, an obvious danger exists in sending a signal to children that the genders are fundamentally different in an intellectual sense. Same-sex education stereotypes students, creating a perceived difference between the genders. This view, easily skewed into a sense of inequality, is not necessarily a concept that should be perpetuated through public education.

The most legitimate, prohibitive argument against dividing public education along gender lines is the effect same-sex education would have on students' social lives. At some point, children and adolescents will be put into an environment with the opposite sex and may have a difficult time adjusting to mixed society. In the most realistic sense possible, encouraging differences in learning styles and manners of thinking between the sexes is simply impractical. At

some point, students will be introduced to co-ed colleges or mixed work places.

These environments will be much less likely to cater to the specific needs of each sex, and the two genders will be forced to work with each other in similar capacities with similar resources. This deviance from gender-specific catering would be a disadvantage for both men and women, as neither would be entirely in their element. A much more forward-

thinking approach to education, therefore, is to understand the realities that will eventually face each student and to instruct them in a co-educational environment in which they will be exposed to different instructional techniques. In other words, the "real world" does not provide many jobs specifically catered to either men or women. Why, then, should life preparation be taught in such a manner?

The argument that same-sex

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education would curb distractions and allow students to focus more intensely on their schoolwork is probably valid.

Omitted from this line of reasoning, however, is the simple fact that schoolwork is only a portion of the education that occurs in a public school system. True, little girls will become upset when their sixth-grade boyfriend dumps them and may do poorly on a test as a result. Just as likely, males in a co-ed environment will always be found to pick fights between classes over the affections of said girls. While immature, these actions are part of the necessary maturation and socialization process every child must experience at some point. Bruised pride and tender ribs are a small price to pay for middle-schoolers to understand the way the world works.

Imagine if such discoveries were delayed until later in life when consequences are more severe and the stakes are higher: Women would discover heartbreak through the loss of their first husband, and men would realize that violence is simply not the proper way to woo women after they experience their first bar room brawl. Friendships with members of the opposite sex are irreplaceable avenues of understanding each other.

The simple fact of the matter is that the genders require the forced interaction of a classroom setting at an early age. Promoting divisions between men and women would be counter-cultural, disadvantageous to the students and certainly not worth the cost of a few points on a standardized exam.

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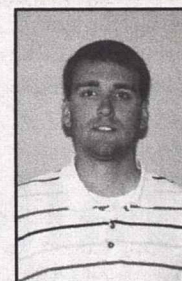
Should schools separate males and females into different classrooms?



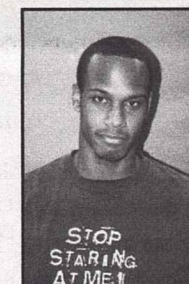
Babs Johnson
political science
junior

"No, because out in the real world males and females have to interact. They need to learn how to have that interaction early."

"No, because relationship skills with the opposite sex need to be developed early."



Bill Forrest
economics
senior



Jerry Patterson
graphic communications
senior

"Yes, that is a good idea for elementary and middle school students because girls can be intimidated by boys in math and science."



Kinsley Poore
nursing
freshman



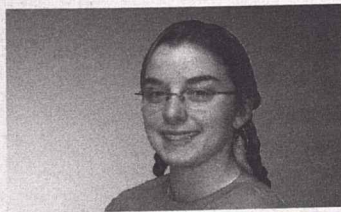
Brooke Brandel
pre-rehabilitation science
freshman

"I think it will provide a more efficient atmosphere; however, it takes away from the social aspect, and I would have hated it."



David Bailey
general engineering
freshman

Beware of the "man-in-the-middle"



DIA ZAFROPULOUS
Staff Writer

When I say the word "cryptography," what do you think of? Perhaps a coffin? I suppose that would make sense if you were an avid watcher of "Tales from the Crypt." Sorry to disappoint, but I will not be discussing the pros and cons of mummification. Cryptography is the practice and use of cryptographic techniques. It is the death of unprotected technology, yet the birth of cyber warfare.

Security is your guarantee to safety. Unfortunately, these days a firewall to a computer hacker is like a building to a wrecking ball; once the first barrier has been broken through, the opportunities for creativity are endless. In the case of the hacker, the first opportunity that comes to mind is to explore and possibly pillage.

The reason why this damage can be done goes back to when the internet first began. What the inventors neglected to think about was security. As a result, certain things were overlooked such as communications on the

same network. A network contains a group of computers working off the same system. Communications on the same network go through the same device, a wireless router for example, and are not checked for interaction accuracy. This means that you may not be talking to who you think you are.

A man-in-the-middle (MITM) attack makes that happen. Continuing the example of the wireless router, all messages going to and from users on a network go through the router. An attacker makes the device that a network is communicating through think that they are the router. Therefore, all information goes from communicator A to the attacker to communicator B. The attacker has the ability to read, insert and modify at will any messages traveling between the two parties without either knowing of the third party's existence.

Does this make you nervous? It should. This brings a whole new level to misunderstanding an instant message. Not only caps lock is offensive now.

The MITM attack is geared towards the weakness of communication through the same network. Does this mean that every one signed onto cuaimet is susceptible to a MITM attack? If every one on cuaimet were working through the same device, then yes. Most likely that is not the case. For example, in the library alone, there may be at least 20 devices that comprise the wireless network. Therefore, just because an attacker has latched on to one cuaimet device does not mean they can hack

the entire University. The only people that the attacker can connect to are the ones occupying his or her same device. On this note, the bigger the router, the more people that the attacker may connect to and thus hack.

All devices are susceptible to this type of attack. On the plus side, some of the more recent models have a built-in security feature that allows you to monitor activity that may compromise network security.

This is where cryptography comes in. Cryptography allows you to verify the person you are talking to is in fact who they say they are. See, you don't have to be a victim.

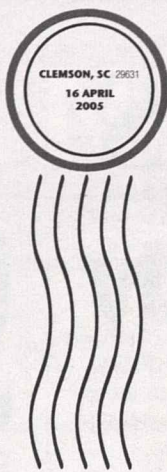
One way to protect yourself is to use public key authentication. Communicator A has a key to decrypt a message from communicator B and vice versa. This way, there is not only one key that will unlock an entire correspondence. Some programs that have encryption built-in are Gaim for a PC or Adium for a Mac. Both have guides online as to how to enable encrypted chatting.

All of this information is not meant to frighten you, but instead make you more mindful. This situation, as well as others, is possible and could be happening to you, but there are ways in which you can prevent them from doing severe damage. Be smart, and if you really wanted to learn about mummification, check your local pyramid.

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Easter Monday should be a school holiday to allow for travel

When it comes to Easter holiday, I am both disturbed and surprised, disturbed by the fact that students attending Clemson University are given no holiday after Easter and surprised that enough students have not petitioned against it yet to have something done about it. If there have been students who have called for an Easter holiday, then it has yet to be approved. If this is the case, I am surprised that the administration who sets the academic calendar has not yielded to the pleas of the students. Does anyone realize that the academic calendar has already been set through Fall of 2008, and none of it provides any sort of Easter break? I'm not talking about Spring Break; I'm talking about the Monday following Easter Sunday.

I believe that that Monday should be declared a school holiday. Easter is such an important holiday for many students, including myself, and it is a time to be with family and friends. I understand that not everyone celebrates Easter for the same reason, but many of us have Easter traditions that require us to travel home and visit our families. With no school holiday after Easter, it makes it very difficult for us to observe those traditions. For those of us who are able to make it home that weekend, we have to cut the festivities short to return back to campus at a decent time on Sunday evening, especially if we live two or more hours away. A school holiday on that Monday would allow those traveling home to have sufficient time to spend Easter weekend with their families and also be back in time for classes on Tuesday.

Along with Thanksgiving and Christmas, Easter is another widely celebrated national holiday. Extended vacations are provided for these two holidays to allot for travel time, so I don't see why Easter has to be an exception. I'm not asking for a week, I'm simply asking for a single day.

I know that nothing can be done this year in such short notice; however, it is possible to rally for change in the years to come. Even if it means that this school holiday will not be enacted until after I graduate, I will be satisfied. Who knows — maybe one day my own kids will be fortunate enough to attend Clemson University, and at that time, I will be glad to know that my kids will be able to celebrate Easter with me all day.

Madison Foster
Lexington, S.C.

COMMENTARY

Fallout of Mid-East vote



BRANDON HATHAWAY
Columnist

Some of the fallout of our President's push for democratization of the Middle-East is the election of Hamas as the controlling party of the Palestinian territories. This is troublesome because Hamas, technically, wants to destroy Israel and the Jewish people who live there. The U.S. Government's policy is that we like Israel, and the Israeli Government is also not out to kill themselves.

At this point, the politics become a little bit messy because we have to wrestle with the fact that we are pushing for representative government (we keep saying "democracy," but I don't think we really mean it — we are a republic, most European countries are republics, but presidents and prime ministers say "democracy" because it sounds better) in the Middle-East, but the people who win those elections are people who don't like us and our friends. So what do we do?

The answer, in this case, has been to stop giving them money until they say they don't want to bomb Israel anymore. The Palestinian Authority is completely dependent financially on contributions from the rest of the world, with the largest pieces coming from the United States and the European Union. Israel also gives between \$50 million-60 million monthly, per the Oslo Accords, which is about one-third of the PA's monthly budget. All three of these parties have told the PA the check isn't in the mail. With the U.S. and E.U., though, it is a matter of law; both regard Hamas as a terrorist organization and it is illegal to fund them, even though they were elected by the Palestinian people.

Realistically, there is no way that the West can deal with a government that is run by a terrorist organization nor should Israel be expected to fund a political party that seeks to destroy it. Every government conducts business for its nation's own self interest, after all. Would it make sense for John Fox to give Jon Gruden his playbook? No. But nobody dies as a result of NFC South football.

The Hamas leadership hopes to raise some cash quickly from donations from the Arab League, Iran and private Arab donors, but nobody expects them to provide nearly enough. Arab governments like to talk a big game about

the Palestinian people, but do not usually pony up the green when the time comes.

The result of this, though, is catastrophic: The PA is under a huge shortfall. The PA itself is the largest employer in the lands controlled by the Authority, and they cannot cover those costs. Many of those people are political appointees. The number of employees on the Palestinian Authority's payroll is on the order of 140,000, and you can imagine that many of those people probably have families who selfishly like to eat. The economy will of course be devastated.

This does not address the problem that many of those 140,000 belong to the security apparatus of the PA, so many of them will be poor, unemployed, angry and trained with weapons in a culture already quick to resort to violence. Even though supplying funds to this group looks unwelcome, not paying them also leads to a disastrous end.

Since it looks like Hamas will not moderate its stance on the right of Israel to exist, which would solve the financial problem, some sort of solution to get money into the Palestinian economy must be realized. Some American and European money are going to be channeled through non-governmental and humanitarian organizations to help the Palestinian people, which is good, but that should have been happening anyway. The West will hopefully learn from the mistakes of the embargoes on Iraq in the 1990s that the people suffer more when the government is punished.

To solve this problem, some sort of private sector needs to be developed in the Palestinian territories. The reason that those jobs in the PA itself are so attractive and important is that there are not many other options; when a politician or bureaucrat loses his job in the U.S., there is usually a better paying, private sector job waiting for him because of his contacts. This is difficult, though, because investment in this region is very risky, due to the instability.

The instability is a result of violence in the area, which is arguably a result of the lack of economic structure there. But Israel or the West must invest somehow, with substantial money. The creation of 140,000 more disaffected Muslim men in this volatile region helps no one.

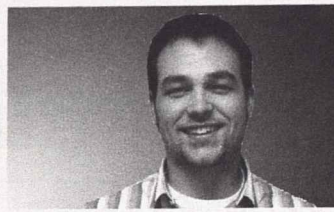
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COMMENTARY

Defense of marriage



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Our nation was founded on the fundamental principals of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Brave men and women have fought and died for these freedoms, these "unalienable rights," for the past 230 years. They stem from the desire to live life as one wishes, free from undue and unjust — tyrannical as our forefathers would call it — interference from our government. Liberty is so central to our way of life that we have enshrined it in two of the 27 amendments to our Constitution.

As much as we value liberty though, the majority is sometimes slow to bestow these same freedoms on other groups in society. African Americans had to struggle for more than 100 years to begin to gain the liberties the majority embraced so long ago, and women too have historically been denied many of those freedoms and liberties. These struggles, and the now-obvious justness of their causes, remind us how carefully we must guard our liberties and how important it is that no American be denied the rights and freedoms vital to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

These liberties are numerous but easily recognized; the right to participate in the political process, the right to own (and to not be owned as) property and the right to freely associate are but some of these vital freedoms. Without doubt, marriage is also one of those fundamental rights so crucial to our pursuit of happiness. Our spouses are our best friends, most important partners, strongest supporters and closest confidants throughout our lives. Our legal code even recognizes the importance of marriage in our society by extending one of the few recognized testimonial privileges to spouses.

As strongly as society values marriage, the freedom to marry has been denied to numerous people throughout our history. Inter-religious and inter-ethnic marriages were long discouraged and inter-racial marriages were openly outlawed. Years of social progress coupled with a stronger appreciation of and respect for diversity, though, have shown us the value and wisdom of marriages between more and more diverse groups of people. Society did not crumble when blacks and whites were permitted to marry, and moral values were not destroyed by marriages between Catholics and Protestants. Likewise, the fabric of society will not tear itself to pieces if same-sex marriages are permitted.

Extending the freedom to marry to same-sex couples is a simple extension of our long-accepted principals of liberty to all Americans. Some people, of course, resist extending this freedom, as was the case in previous extensions of the marriage franchise.

Many people object to same-sex marriages on religious grounds, which is at least understandable. Many religions, Christian and otherwise, have strong teachings regarding homosexuality. One

must keep in mind, however, that state marriages are a civil matter, not a religious one. The Catholic Church, for example, is free to marry or not marry whomever it wishes, but the state is different.

Religious beliefs can inform one's political views, but state decision-making by necessity must be based on something other than religion, no matter how pervasive a religious belief may be among the citizenry. This sharp separation between church and state is embodied in our Constitution and essential to securing the liberties our nation was founded upon. No one is making a church perform a same-sex religious marriage, but at the same time, that church may not prevent the state from doing so.

Objectors also claim that same-sex marriages will destroy the sanctity of marriage, but it is hard to imagine how allowing two people who deeply love each other to marry will destroy the institution. In fact, it would seem that just as when blacks and whites could not marry, denying the right to marry to two people in love would seem to harm marriage more. Either way, with spousal abuse all too common and 50-percent divorce rates, marriage is not, and probably never was, the wholesome institution enjoyed by June and Ward Cleaver. If anything, same-sex marriages will initially be stronger than traditional marriages because only the most committed couples will brave the social stigma still associated with open homosexuality.

Just as these two objections prove untenable, so does the compromise of creating a separate "civil union" for same-sex couples. As history has shown, "separate but equal" institutions fly in the very face of our venerated ideals of liberty. Creating marriages for straight people and civil unions for gay people proclaims the two couples inherently unequal; otherwise, two institutions would not be needed. Additionally, while marriage is about love and relationships, it carries with it legal consequences including tax benefits, powers of attorney and parental rights. Separate institutions could too easily allow straight couples to receive benefits denied to same-sex couples.

Marriage has for time immemorial been among the fundamental liberties that form the foundation of our society. Marriages — the source of the family unit — form the interpersonal, financial and supportive roots from which our society stems. Marriage can be the source of one's greatest happiness in life in the form of a loving spouse and later children. It seems abhorrent to deny this pleasure, this potential lifelong happiness to two people simply because they are homosexual.

As it stands now, same-sex couples are being denied an historically cherished liberty. Freedom and liberty are so fundamental to our way of life that we enshrined them in our Declaration of Independence and in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution.

Many brave individuals have made great sacrifices to defend our unalienable rights of liberty and happiness, and it is time we extend a fundamental liberty — to freely marry whomever one wishes — to all Americans.

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COMMENTARY

"Dead day" necessary



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Columnist

Ah! The last day of class. The semester has finally finished. You can relax and know that you have plenty of time to study for final exams. Oh wait — you don't! Thanks to the clever placement of final exams on the day following the last day of classes, a majority of students have little to no time to study for their dreaded first exams.

Personally, I have had an 8 a.m. final on the first Saturday of exam week each of the last four semesters. And believe me, it is quite depressing and stressful when I get out of class on that Friday and realize that my next stop is the second floor of Cooper. Scrambling to find the time to study, I rack my brain for nearly half a day trying to squeeze in the facts that I need to know for my exam. I then drive half-asleep back to my apartment, only to wake up in the same state, which is clearly detrimental to my test-taking abilities. The Saturday afternoon and evening finals are a little more bearable. At least there is some time to cram for those tests. The Saturday morning faithful usually don't have this luxury. I know what you're thinking — "hey Mr. Procrastination, prepare for your finals a week in advance!" Well, I agree that this idea would greatly reduce my anxiety on Saturday morning. However, when I take into account the fact that most of my professors load me up with work the final week of class, I realize that I will simply have little time to study for finals.

The solution to this agitating problem has been a favorite among Clemson students for some time. The institution of a so-called "dead day" before finals start would most likely ease the stress levels (and maybe raise test scores) of students taking finals on the first Saturday after classes. I can hear the administration now — "Mr.

Jones, do you actually believe that students will use that extra day to prepare for finals or will they just waste their time and cash flow downtown?" My answer is simply that students will truly spend their time studying. Granted, there is always going to be that group of people who see the dead day as an opportunity to throw their "End of the Year" bash. But, survey the student population, and you will come to the realization that the more time to study, the better.

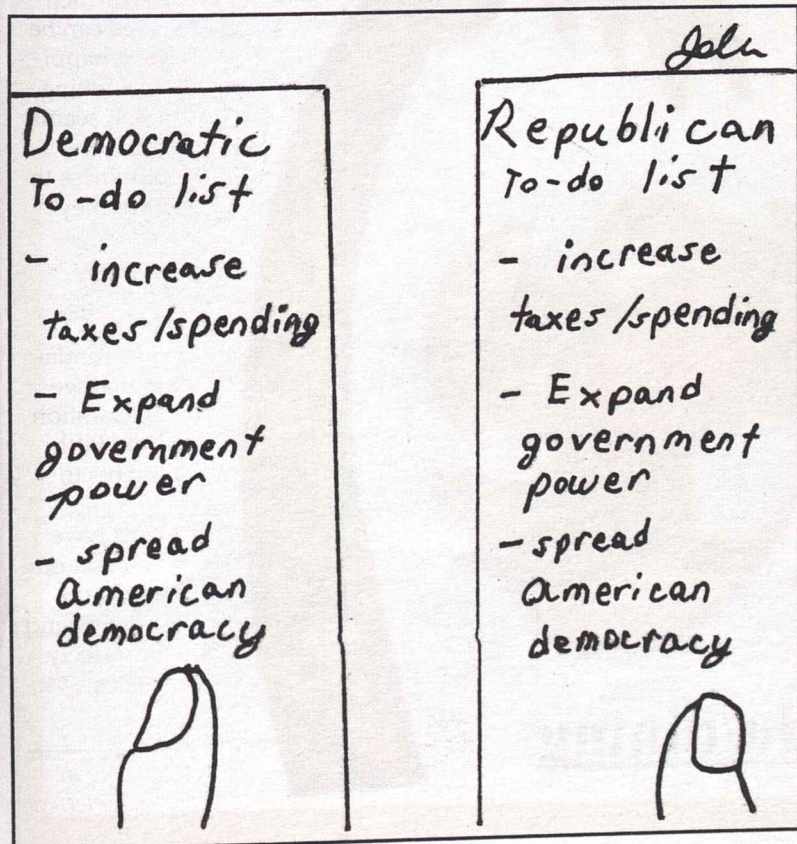
I have talked to friends at different universities, and they have informed me of the dead day at their school. Some of them study on that day; some don't. The fact that some students do not take advantage of the day is irrelevant. Since students would more than likely take advantage of the dead day, it should be the aspiration of Clemson University to implement it. Furthering students academically and intellectually is important to the University, and this day would be a logical step in that direction.

I realize that one of the duties of college students is coping with stress and managing time wisely. Sure, those things are true and important, but give us a break. We've just finished 15 weeks of classes. We've read grossly long and boring books. We've memorized countless facts about tort law, anatomy, and hydraulics. I think we deserve more than a few hours of rest and relaxation.

I believe I speak for the majority of the student population when I say that the implementation of a "dead day" after the conclusion of classes is in the best interests of everyone. Students receive an extra day to better prepare for their finals. Professors would no longer have to compete with students for parking spots on Saturday. Sounds like a win-win situation to me. My suggestion to students is to keep pushing for a dead day. We may not get it this semester, but our efforts might help students in future years. Everyone wants better grades. Shouldn't we have ample time to study for them?

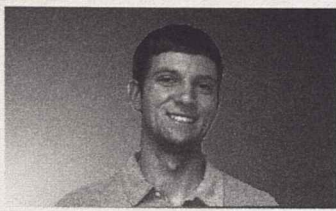
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COMMENTARY

Federal holidays are losing importance



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Throughout my secondary education, I've always had Good Friday off of school. Some years it just coordinated with spring break, which worked out nicely. Other years it was taken off as a teacher work-day since it cannot be taken off officially as Good Friday because it is a religious holiday. Upon entering the University and not having Good Friday off, I was slightly upset. But as I said, I understand the reasoning because the University cannot celebrate religious holidays. However, upon recognizing this, I began thinking of what other days we have off school or do not have off school at Clemson.

Besides the fall and spring breaks and the Thanksgiving holiday, the only day that Clemson University recognizes as a holiday worthy of canceling classes is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. I couldn't agree more with having this day off — Martin Luther King, Jr. is a cornerstone in the foundation of equal rights in the United States who died as a martyr for a noble cause. As an American people, we should recognize him and take a day off of work to honor him and his accomplishments. Why are we not honoring others of equal importance in the same way?

If you were to look at a calendar of federal holidays (of which Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is one), you would notice numerous others that aren't honored by Clemson. The one that troubles my conscience the most is Labor Day. This day was created for the celebration of the common working man, to give him a day off the job to enjoy his family, hobby, etc. As a public university with state employees, the idea of not taking Labor Day off is highly vexing. The holiday is observed by other

universities around the state such as the University of South Carolina, and other (top 20) universities in the conference, such as UNC and Georgia Tech.

Another day I always had off in secondary school was my birthday. No, it's not in the summer or within a week of Christmas; it is Nov. 11 — Veteran's Day. This holiday, for those who don't know, is a federal holiday designated to honor those who lost their lives in battle fighting for America. This encompasses both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf Coast War and War in Iraq, as well as any other military conflict in which the United States has been engaged. I am not asking for V-E Day, V-J Day, Pearl Harbor Day, etc. to be taken off school, but the one day that covers all casualties from the numerous battles needs to be honored. This omission is especially surprising, given the deep-rooted military history of Clemson.

Lastly, in the spring semester, President's Day is given no special recognition on campus. A federal holiday as well, President's Day is designated as the third Monday in February, falling between Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays. This day celebrates the men who founded and led our nation in its history spanning three centuries, most notably George Washington who led the colonies to their independence and Abraham Lincoln, the man who reunited the North and South and freed the slaves during the Civil War. Why are these men, the founders of our nation, not given the respect they deserve within the University?

While I certainly do not mean to trivialize the great works and progress that Martin Luther King, Jr. achieved for our nation, I think that other men and women who have served just as courageously deserve the same respect. After all, days such as Labor Day, Veterans Day and President's Day are federal holidays for a reason.

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PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

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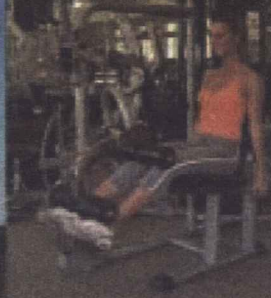
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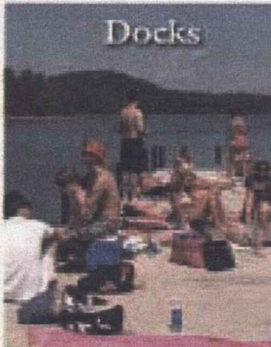
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ON THE PROWL

BY ORSON SWELLES

Want to make a large sum of money with no expertise or schooling? Want people to pay you for knowledge that is available for free online? Want to join the ranks of thousands of other people who have cashed into the easiest profession for people without experience? Of course you do, but unfortunately, not all of us can be personal trainers.

Maybe I'm a bit jealous or a bit frustrated, but seeing gym douches whose off the latest in cod liver salmon omega-three protein shakes for \$10 on top of the already excessive training fees makes me want to stretch my glutes and flex my traps in disgust. I enjoy working out, and if anyone has nutrition questions that I know the answers to from research or from my nursing major girlfriend, I'm glad to assist.

Most of the time, people have personal trainers in order to achieve one of two things: They either want to get in shape or become better at a particular sport by training the right muscles to help them build strength. All-star basketball players strengthen leg muscles to improve their vertical leap, baseball superstars work their precious upper body to pull the ball farther and fisherman have to bulk up their wrists and elbow flexors for quicker reel times.

What about those who

don't aspire to play in the major leagues but would love to go down in the hall of fame for sexual prowess? Are there personal trainers who can tell you just how many reps of a particular exercise you need to be the world's greatest reverse cowgirl?

Well, I'm here to offer my services, and the first lesson just happens to be free if you read the rest of this article within the next 10 minutes (each consecutive article will be \$49.99 an hour, plus sign-up and birth control package fees).

Every exercise plan has to start somewhere, so there's no better place to begin than the ever-faithful missionary position. Missionary is like the chess of the sexual world; it's easy to learn but difficult to master. This position is dominated by the man, so men, start your chest exercises.

The missionary position is just a glorified pushup, so taking the time to cram in 20 pushups during every commercial break will improve your sex game drastically. You will be able to support yourself longer, and your girlfriend will love the fact that you can drop down on her for intimacy, but you can just as easily push yourself up to prevent suffocation.

When in the missionary position, the closest thing for your girlfriend to grab is your chest, so having perfectly



sculpted pectorals gives the lady a chance to get you back for all of your pre-sex chest grabbing.

Ladies, when you are done being done, it is time for you to take some initiative and do what the great James Brown said to do, "Get up-ah! Get on up!"

If you have ever performed any of the varieties of the cowgirl maneuvers, you know that there is some quad-burning bouncing going on.

A girl can never get enough squats (which is essentially the exact same motion as riding), but there are a few other things that aren't always considered.

Go put your back against a wall and perform wall-sits for as long as you can hold yourself up.

This not only strengthens the quads (which can be worked very well by leg extensions if weight machines are more your thing), but it works the abdominal region, which will be aching after a marathon-length woman-on-man rodeo.

Heel raises and jumping rope both work the calves and lower legs, which are used for support struts during this awkward and challenging sex act.

Back on the subject of abs though, neither sex should ignore this aesthetic and pragmatic muscle group. A sexy pair of abs stands out on both men and women equally, and can easily heighten the sexual experience.

No other muscle group carries quite the confidence boosting or busting power as that of the abdominals. If both partners are comfortable with their stomach region, they are usually more erotic and much more into the sex act.

Since sex involves some strange positioning, fat rolls are much more prevalent and visible during intercourse than most other athletic activities.

Not only will you look better, but a lot of your base strength and lasting sexual power comes from the abs, so get to crunching. I'm not going to suggest any specific activities, since abdominal workouts are ubiquitous, but I will suggest that you do abs together with your partner so that you are on the same page for such a useful sexual muscle group.

Another great area to tone with your partner is the gluteus region, which in laymen's terms is your pair of sweet cheeks.

Whether you dig doggy-style or you prefer the seated lap dance, the butt has got to look good. And guys, don't

think that butt maneuvers are just for the women. It turns out that in a national survey, it was found that as far as a guy's looks go, the no. one part of the body (not including the face) that women like to look good is a man's buttocks.

Once again, you can't turn a blind eye to squats, but there are a few other things to try.

Reverse leg curls on the machine not only target hamstrings, but it also shapes that ravishing rump.

Any leg kickback moves such as a weighted standing kickback or a non-weighted kneeling kickback work the butt almost exclusively and can be done almost anywhere.

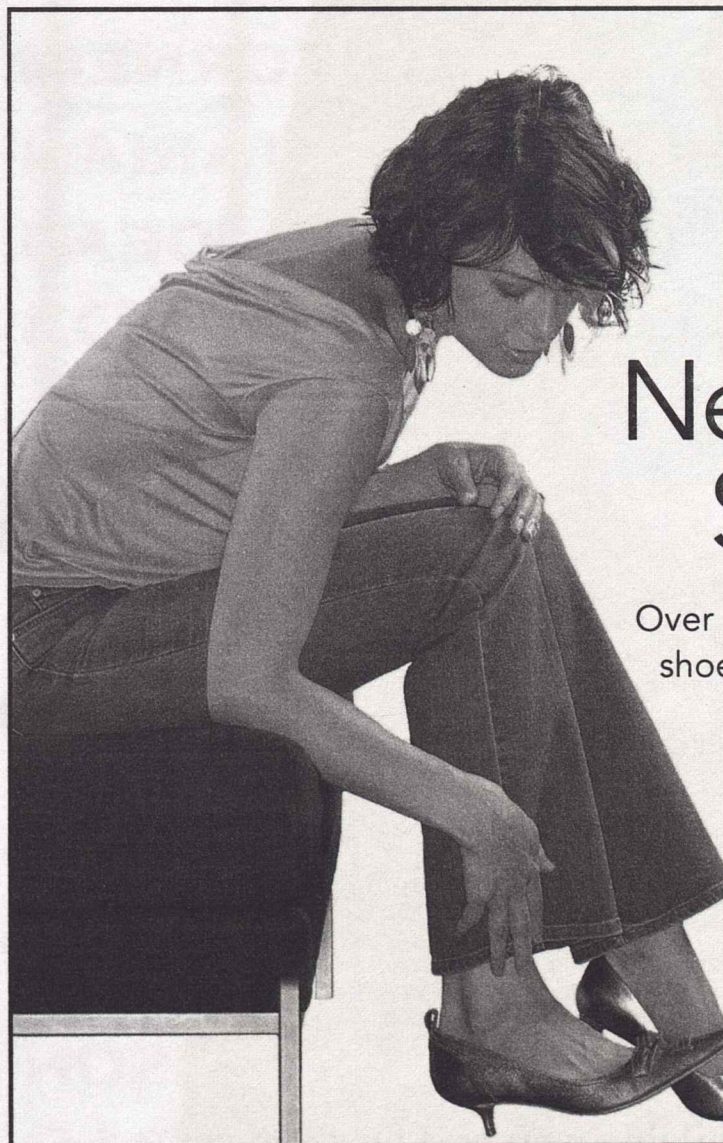
I hate to cut the first session a bit short, but what more can I say for a free trial? Just remember that while these exercises will probably not do much for longevity, they are guaranteed to increase the intensity of this fun, aerobic workout.

Ladies, as a final warning, if your man offers you a vanilla protein shake to help you get the nutrients you need for a better workout, just tell him that you prefer drinking from straws instead of coffee stirrers.

This should hurt his ego just enough for him to spend some extra time in the gym trying to bulk up just for you.

Last Issue's Crossword Solution

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Fitness Queries: Low calorie ideas

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You want to make brownies, but do you not want to ruin your diet? Well, there are some simple ways to swap some of the high-fat/calorie ingredients with lower calorie substitutions and still result in mouth-watering goodies. Here are some suggestions you can try in your kitchen which can aid in your fitness quest.

Butter: This high-fat, high-calorie addition to most recipes can pack on the pounds. Remember this creamy topping can add excessive calories to any dish. Alternatives in baking which result in the same moist delicious texture are applesauce, yogurt, mashed-up bananas, pruned dried fruits and even canned pumpkin. Personally, I have utilized yogurt in many muffin recipes and find the outcome to be quite tasty with the added bonus of having less calories. Also, instead of topping vegetables in butter, steam them in chicken stock and you will be pleasantly surprised that you will not need to add butter as the veggies will be flavorful without it.

Sugar: This highly refined staple in processed goods such as cookies, brownies and all other scrumptious baked goods is not high-fat, but can be rather high-calorie. This means those

fat-free snacks you see at the grocery store are packed with refined simple sugars (which have four calories per gram, whereas fats have nine per gram) and are no better for you than the regular full-fat version. My suggestions for healthy substitutions would be to use honey, natural, non-processed sugar, or if you do not mind the fake-sweeteners, use Splenda or Equal, which are available for baking.

Eggs: These are not bad for you, but if you are attempting to lower your cholesterol, you may want to try these alternatives. You could switch the full egg for egg whites, used mashed bananas or try the grocery store's Egg Beaters, which are the eggs with the cholesterol removed.

Flour: There is no getting around using this in most recipes, but you can sneak in some extra nutrition with options like whole wheat flour. This will result in your baked goodies being a bit denser, but that density is good for your fiber. Also, you can sprinkle in some wheat bran for an additional fiber benefit.

The next time you bake either from scratch or from a box of brownies, try using some of the previously mentioned substitutions. You may find you enjoy the alternative far better than the original.

Happy cooking.

Chef's Corner: Hip vegetarian delights

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Calling all vegetarians! This is the Chef's Corner you have all been waiting for. This week's edition will provide alternative recipes for those vegetarian eaters who want to equally enjoy the pool side cook outs and the meaty lasagna parties.

The springtime marks the beginning of grilling season. You can smell barbeque, hot dogs and hamburgers in the Clemson air. A great substitute for a grilled treat is a juicy portabella mushroom. Take a fresh portabella and stick it in a zip lock baggy with a tablespoon of olive oil and one cut-up fresh garlic clove. Take your bagged mushroom to any grill and follow the same grilling routine. When the portabella is decorated with those beautiful seared grill lines, flip it onto a hamburger bun and add your favorite condiments. You may also wish to grill the mushroom with a piece of cheese for a cheese-bella.

A great thing about the portabella burger is that it is round and brown, so its appearance is hard to differentiate, and it will fit in with all the other burgers.

The meatless burgers and strange meat substitutes do not seem appealing when eaten alone. But combining meatless ground-beef with Spaghetti sauce can fool even the strictest carnivore. Purchase a tube, a frozen bag or packaged pound of meatless crumbles. Put this

on a skillet with some olive oil and a bit of chopped onion and cook on medium until browned. Add the crumbles to your basic pasta sauce and you have meatless-meat sauce, which can be used on pasta or in a classic lasagna recipe.

If you are planning a picnic and wish to prepare some tasty sandwiches without deli meat, there are a variety of different sandwich spreads that do not require a meat ingredient. Take the onion, tomato and swiss sandwich for one. First, sprinkle a splash of balsamic vinegar and a dash of black pepper on slices of tomato and onion. Layer the tomato and onions with swiss cheese between two slices of fresh French bread.

Egg salad is always a great substitute for chicken salad sandwiches. Egg salad is almost as simple as the peanut butter and jelly recipe. First, hard boil three to four eggs and let them cool. Next, you de-shell the eggs and mash them up with a fork. Add about two tablespoons of mayonnaise, one tablespoon of mustard and a dash of salt and pepper to the mashed egg and mix together with a fork. This is the egg salad base.

To spice up the egg salad recipe, add one teaspoon of pickle relish for a zesty flavor or a two-ounce can of chopped black olives for a Greek flare. My favorite egg salad additions are chopped celery or chopped green peppers. This doesn't add much to the flavor, but it does give the recipe a crunch.

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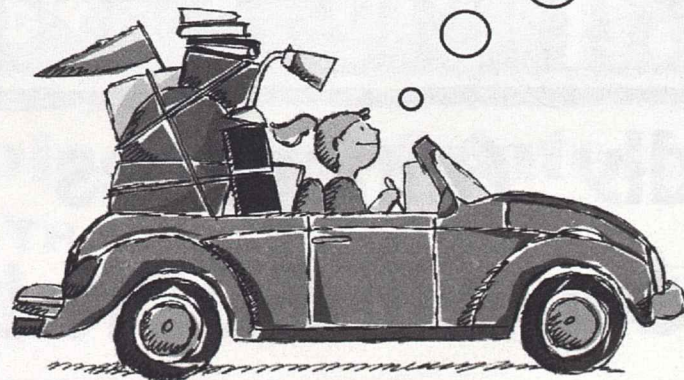
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Found Sound: Jap doom metal, Boris

TYLER MILLS
Art Director

For an entire semester now, I've enlightened you schlemiels and opened your ears to music beyond the mundane offscourings that plague your playlists. While I can tell that I have made a positive difference on the campus of Clemson, hearing quality music from the stereos and iPods of our student body is even more of a rarity than reading something funny in "The Almond." Even for someone as perspicacious and categorically immaculate as myself, I'd feel much less challenged trying to prove the fallacy in Pierre Wantzel's claim that trisecting an angle with a mere compass and straightedge is impossible. However, I believe it was the Latin poet Horace who said, "Life grants nothing to us mortals without hard work." While it's obvious that the quotation doesn't necessarily apply to me (for I am no mere mortal), Horace was on the right track.

The other day, a fellow (nay, subaltern, for fellow implies equality) student and Tyler Mills fan approached me and, after wheedling me with praises and compliments, asked why I hadn't yet covered a band in the metal genre in this column. He wasn't the first; I've had a number of metalheads express concern that I have ignored their preferred genre of music. Well, now the headbangers can rejoice because

this week I've decided to dilate upon a Japanese doom-metal band by the name of Boris.

Boris isn't your older brother's faded-jeans-and-bleached-mullets heavy metal band. On the contrary, these three sludge rockers owe more to the grunge movement that helped to bury the heavy metal of the '80s faster than Buta-ul could cache his treasure from Pippin. Taking their name from a Melvins' song, Boris purloin from a variety of genres, including droning post-rock and psychedelic metal to craft their unique, Japanized sound.

Because the tracks vary so greatly from one song to the next, a sort of staccato effect results that helps it appeal to a wider audience. Even indie rock scenesters who cry at night to the Arcade Fire and Death Cab for Cutie might find it cathartic to rock out once in a while, and Boris gives them the perfect outlet to do so while still maintaining their counterculture credibility. And for the Metallica-loving heavy metal fans out there who consider Queens of the Stone Age to be their "chill-out" music, Boris manages to turn their amps up past 11 on enough occasions to satisfy even the deafest of ears. Pick up a copy of Boris (I suggest "Akuma No Uta," if only for its clever recreation of Nick Drake's "Bryter Layter" album) this week and give praise to the god of rock: me.



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THE TOP WORST SIDEKICKS 5

NATHAN DAVENPORT
Staff Writer

1. **Jar Jar Binks:** There could probably be no better reason to hate the "Star Wars" prequel movies than this speech-impaired Gungan. There hasn't been a single character to incite as much ire in audiences worldwide since Scrappy Doo was introduced to the classic "Scooby Doo" show. There wasn't much to like about Jar Jar. His lines were not only poorly written but were also delivered in a way that brought to mind the classic line from "Gone with the Wind," "I don't know nothin' 'bout birthin' no babies!" Whether it was giving up at the ground battle for Naboo or practically handing over the reins of the Republic Senate to the future Emperor, people had plenty of excuses to hate Jar Jar.

2. **Jelly:** No one enjoys the company of a slacker, and in the food world, there is no greater slacker than the jelly of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Peanut butter takes the time to stick to the bread, giving you an enjoyable, even spread of rich and creamy goodness. Jelly, however, simply clumps on top of the peanut butter, which causes unsightly lumps in the bread if not painstakingly applied. Jelly basically aspires, and fails, to be its bigger, better cousin, the jam. And if there's anything I hate more than a slacker food, it's a food with aspirations.

3. **George W. Bush:** If you're a fellow Cheney fan, you know there is nothing more annoying than seeing Bush lean out of his sidecar and throw obstacle after obstacle into the way of our great hero. I remember rooting for this Hercules of Haliburton to lead us into a new era of intelligent discourse and a fresh

supply of cheap oil from our new friends in the Middle East, all the while enduring a media blitz against the administration as George W. Bush asked, "Is our children learning?" Here's hoping that Cheney can persevere and continue to run this country on his own accord.

4. **Toothpaste:** I long for the days when my beloved toothbrush is no longer held bound by the commanding parasite known as toothpaste. Toothpaste is annoying because it presents a great oxymoron: It is creamy, yet grainy. The feeling of toothpaste against the human tongue is terribly disgusting, squishing between teeth while simultaneously rubbing granules against the gums. Also, the poisonous effect of orange juice after brushing your teeth is probably the single worst taste in the history of mankind, right up there with rancid escargot and caviar truffle burgers. I hope for a future where toothbrush bristles come automatically equipped to clean teeth and fight bacteria on their own.

5. **The Apple Core:** Sometimes the ending result can be the worst sidekick of all. Whether it's the rain that is caused by a freshly washed car or the appearance of hippies to the opening of an organic food store, people sometimes avoid things when the results are less appealing than the actions. One such deterrent is the core to an apple. People enjoy the fresh, crisp taste that accompanies the first bite into an apple. Gnawing through the skin of a Granny Smith and enjoying the tart, apple flesh is a favorite pastime of mine. However, I do not enjoy a mouthful of über-bitter seeds mixed with my sweet fruit. I, like many apple connoisseurs, find myself eating fewer apples than is available simply to avoid the nastiness that is the core.

Glorification of violence?



WILL SIEVERDES
Staff Writer

I find it curious that in American culture, violence is overwhelmingly prevalent in our lives, from entertainment media to the news, but sex and nudity is taboo. Watch any movie, TV show, or news channel, and there will be some form of violence. But sex and nudity? Rare, if even there. Why is it that our country is so obsessed with gore and death, but shies away from a natural part of life?

Take "CSI" for example. It's one of the top shows and is adored by millions. However, "CSI" glorifies violence. The show always has a spruced-up visualization of a death, usually with somebody explaining the death in a detached, scientific manner. It is often extremely violent, and not something that would be shown in a PG-13 movie. Yet, this show is on prime time.

Speaking of PG-13 movies, it has become the trend in recent years for Hollywood to add violence or swearing to a PG movie to amp it up to a PG-13, or take nudity or violence out of an R movie to dumb it down to a PG-13. That is why in recent years most movies (especially horror films) are PG-

13, and this also would indicate why PG-13 movies are more violent than they used to be.

Why are PG-13 movies treated this way? Maximization of profits. Most parents will not let their teenagers see an R-rated movie, even if they could get in. Why? Sex. Parents don't want their teenagers seeing sex on the big screen because they're afraid their children will emulate it in real life, and then you'll have teen pregnancy to deal with. But is letting your children see people get torn to pieces any better? Aren't these parents afraid of their children emulating violence?

Last year, a videogame series known for its extremely violent nature came under attack. The PC version of "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" was modded by some hackers and a hidden sex minigame was found. Now, keep in mind this is only the PC version, and the minigame was only found by some very complex hacking that only one percent of the gaming population could do. This wasn't on the PS2 or X-box versions, and the hidden game was programmed but left out of the final version. It wasn't meant to be shown. Heck, it could've even been a hidden joke by one of the programmers.

What happened? The game came under intense fire. PS2 and X-box versions of the game were withdrawn. Why did a hidden sex game that only a small group of people could see force the game makers to recall the game, when the

excessive violence and death of that game never demanded as heavy a reaction? The series has always come under fire for its depiction of gore, but almost as often you hear how awful it is that you can have sex with a prostitute in the game (even though its implied and you don't see anything). Why is there a stigma against sex?

Now, if Europe and Japan both feature nudity as an aspect of their entertainment and culture, do you think their sexual crime rates are higher? Nope. Japan's crime rate is one of the lowest in the world. Europe's violent crime rate is lower than the United State's. Granted, Europe's petty crime rate is high, but that's not including rape crimes. On the other hand, the U.S. has a pretty high crime rate, especially violent crimes. Why is it that a culture that hides from nudity and sex but glorifies violence has a higher crime rate than cultures that accept violence and/or nudity with less censorship?

In my opinion, nudity and sex are natural. They can be art forms (just look at classical sculpture and painting), and they are totally normal parts of life. To repress them is ridiculous, and they should be allowed to be shown if done artfully and not pornographically. After all, sex creates people. Is that so bad? Violence destroys people, but we love it. Which is better, and which is worse?

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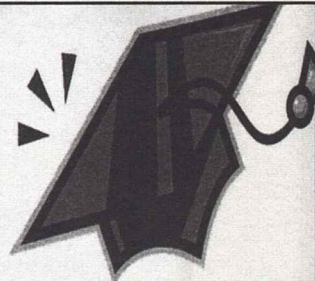
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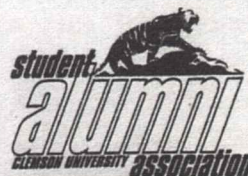
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Upcoming Summer Blockbusters

"The Da Vinci Code"

Adam Steinberg

Hollywood's preeminent blockbuster-making team will be at it again this summer with the hottest novel this side of Harry Potter. Paris and the Louvre will play host to Ron Howard's much anticipated adaptation of "The Da Vinci Code."

Hanks stars as symbologist/detective Robert Langdon, who is called into duty after a Louvre curator is murdered. What Langdon finds are clues that hold the key to unlocking a secret that has been hidden for 2,000 years. Langdon, along with cryptographer Sophie Neveu (the magnificent Audrey Tautou), must uncover the mystery before they can be stopped by secret societies or the police. The film also stars Ian McKellen, Alfred Molina, Paul Bettany and Jean Reno.

The pairing of Howard and Hanks brings instant name recognition to the film. Using Dan Brown's best-selling novel as the source material for the picture guarantees its status as the film of the summer. "The Da Vinci Code" will bring Hanks, who hasn't had a hit since "Catch Me If You Can," back into the limelight and will make Audrey Tautou a star. Look for the film May 19.

"X-Men: The Last Stand"

Adam Steinberg

"X-Men" is a good comic-book film. "X2" is a great comic-book film. Will "X-Men: The Last Stand" be supernatural or just natural?

The final film in the "X-Men" trilogy centers around a plot to cure Mutants of their disease and the emergence of the Dark Phoenix. The Brotherhood, a mutant group led by Magneto, seeks to stave off their elimination by starting a war with the humans. The Dark Phoenix, otherwise known as Jean Grey, is a supernatural force that inhabits Grey's body and could lead to the destruction of all mankind.

"The Last Stand" appears to be the epic to end all epics. Not only will the film feature multiple plot lines, but many new heroes and villains will be introduced. The Beast (Kelsey Grammar ... yes, Frasier) will be featured, as will the Angel (who later becomes the ArchAngel), the Juggernaut and possibly even Sentinels (so the rumor has it). "The Last Stand" will most surely top "X2" in terms of the coolness of its characters, but will the movie be as good?

Despite the success of the first two "X-Men" films, director Bryan Singer decided to jump ship and direct the new "Superman" film instead of "The Last Stand." Taking his place is the illustrious Brett Ratner of "Rush Hour" fame. While Ratner certainly isn't the director that Singer is, he's had a few hits of his own. But "The Last Stand" isn't exactly a Chris Tucker vehicle, and comic-book fans are shaking at the knees that Ratner will create a bomb — and not the special effects kind. But any film with Wolverine in it can never be counted out. "The Last Stand" arrives May 26.

"Superman Returns"

Chris Jaynes

It's a bird! No, it's a plane! No, it's a new Superman movie! For the die hard Superman fans it has been 23 years since the last film debuted — "Superman IV" doesn't count. Bringing back one of the most beloved super heroes is a tricky process, it gets even trickier when your leading man doesn't have a lot of experience under his belt. Brandon Routh will be filling the stylish red boots of Superman, but this is Routh's first time in a major motion picture. He certainly does look the part; hopefully he will be able to play the part.

The film "Superman Returns" is in good hands with Brain Singer as the director. Singer is the genius director behind the two successful X-men movies. The screenplay for this "Superman Begins" has been in the works since late 1995 and had several big names try and make a blockbuster movie out of it. Eleven years and numerous plots later, the final version will satisfy longtime Superman fans, but at the same time bring the Man of Steel into the 21st century.

To help Routh carry some of the weight of the movie, look for veteran movie actors like Kevin Spacey. Spacey has shaved his head to play Lex Luther, the villain of the film. Spacey is going to bring a unique dimension to Lex Luther and an extra touch of villainy that was not in the original Luther played by Gene Hackmen. Where would Clark Kent / Superman be without a sexy Lois Lane? Lane is being played by the attractive Kate Bosworth whose girl next door attractiveness will light up the screen.

With a budget of \$250 million, summer movie goers will be previewed to a plethora of special effects and visual images. Check out the teaser trailer online, but be warned, it will leave you wanting more and the release date is not until June 30. "Superman Returns" will be the mid summer blockbuster and thrill audience with its special effects and super hero plot.

"Snakes on a Plane"

Nathan Davenport

"We got muthaf***in' snakes, muthaf***er!" This summer, terror has one acronym: S.O.A.P.

"Snakes on a Plane" follows two FBI agents, Neville Flynn (Samuel L. Jackson) and Sean Jones (Nathan Philips), as they transport a mafia member to testify against his former employer. On the transpacific flight, an assassin lets loose a gaggle of poisonous snakes in order to murder the informant.

This film has generated intense Internet buzz since its announcement. The combination of the to-the-point title and the bizarre plot make this film a morbid fascination for most moviegoers. Even if it ends up being terrible, it will most likely be similar to a traffic accident — you just won't want to look away. Even the star of the film, Samuel L. Jackson, is quoted saying that the whole reason he signed up for the movie was the title, and he was adamantly against the short-lived change to Pacific Air Flight 121.

If the film turns out to be a bomb, it automatically succeeds for combining two of the most intense things in modern society: snakes and air planes. Be sure to check out this movie when it is released in theaters on Aug. 18.

Summer Music Festivals

bonnaroo

by Nicki Amato

The fifth annual Bonnaroo Music & Art's festival will take place this summer from June 16 to June 18. The festival is a three-day camping and music festival in Manchester, Tenn., 60 miles south of Nashville. The site for the festivities is a 700-acre farm.

With multiple stages and a variety of on-site activities, the festival is anything but dull. Bonnaroo brings together artists from genres such as rock and roll, jazz, hip-hop and bluegrass, among others. This year's line up includes household names such as Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Radiohead, Death Cab for Cutie, Bright Eyes, Bela Fleck & the Flecktones, Ben Folds, Nickel Creek, Blues Traveler, Jerry Douglas and Rusted Root. The artist line-up continues to grow as the event nears, adding big names as well as hidden jewels. Cat Power, relatively unknown to most, is an extraordinary indie vocalist on this year's line-up.

However, all of that talent at one event makes for very steep ticket prices. The first round of tickets is sold at a "discounted" price of \$169.50. After those tickets sell out, the ticket price increases to \$184.50. The ticket is a three-day weekend pass that includes camping and parking. Expensive? Yes, but more than worth it. Considering the line-up exceeds 50 artists and tickets are less than \$200, it can be sufficiently said that one gets their money's worth.

On a less happy note, rumor has it that after five years of putting on a worthwhile music festival, Bonnaroo has decided that future festivals will be moved out to California, while they simultaneously sell their souls to the devil that we know as MTV.

COACHELLA

by Tyler Mills

Forget Bonnaroo; the Coachella Valley Music Festival is where it's at. A two-day fete located in sunny Indio, Calif., the lineup is an indie kid's dream. Featuring a wide array of artists that span all genres, from rock and indie pop to electronica and experimental noise, even the most snobbish and excessively meticulous musical highbrows can find something to appreciate. Tool and Depeche Mode, the headliners for this year's event, may seem a little blasé, but with supporting acts like Massive Attack, My Morning Jacket, The Eagles of Death Metal, Daft Punk, Mogwai, Sleater-Kinney and Sigur Ros, the event is sure to be a winner. What's more, this year's event will feature the live premiere of Gnarl Barkley, the psychedelic soul duo I discussed in length in my previous Found Sound article.

Tickets cost \$85 for one-day passes (if that's your plan, go for the second day), but you can save a whole five dollars by buying two-day passes. There is also a nearby campground that visitors can stay at, but of course, you'll have to buy a ticket for that too. Either way, if you like good music, and you feel up for a cross-country road trip, then Coachella might be just the event for you.



WARPED TOUR '06

by Dan Ubilla

Despite many critics' recent complaints about the over-commercialization of the summer event, the Warped Tour continues to grow, drawing bigger bands and more fans out to the summer long tour.

Featuring some of the hottest names in underground rock as well as great local acts, the tour has become an institution for punk rock fans of all varieties. Now in its 12th year, the Warped Tour has gone from focusing on skate culture with punk bands, skateboarding and BMX, to a melting pot of music, as the number of hardcore, pop-punk and pop-rock bands have begun to outnumber the Mohawk-sporting bands of the past. With two main stages and a multitude of smaller side stages, the event is now bigger than ever. There aren't many summer tours that offer quite the same bang for your buck either; while every date is a little different, most stops feature about 50 bands on for around \$30.

Many bands have been announced, but unfortunately, a lot of bands will only play certain stretches of the tour. Some of the bands already committed include: Underoath, Against Me!, Motion City Soundtrack, The

Early November, Sum 41 and Thursday. One of the early announcements this year has been the tour-long Vagrant Stage that will include some of Vagrant's finest in Saves the Day, Senses Fail, Reggie and the Full Effect and Down to Earth Approach. Since Saves the Day and Senses Fail are already scheduled to play the main stage, they will be playing a special acoustic set on the smaller Vagrant stage.

This year features many more southeast stops than ever before. On June 26, Charleston, S.C., will get a taste of Warped and Raleigh, N.C., and Atlanta, G.A., get them on the June 27 and the June 28. In an odd twist of routing, Charlotte gets their stop on Aug. 8th. Some of the bands will change week to week, so the Charlotte date could be vastly different than others in the area.

Make sure to stop by and spend a day taking in some rock and roll that's hiding just under the radar. If you do plan on going, remember to pace yourself, drink plenty of water, and have a good time.

lollapalooza

by Meridith Humphrey

The infamous Lollapalooza will take place from Aug. 4 through Aug. 6 in Chicago's Grant Park with headliners Red Hot Chili Peppers, Kanye West and Wilco. There will be 130 bands on eight stages for three days, and as always, the list of bands covers a wide spectrum of genres with music veterans and more new bands than you could ever take in three days.

The number of amazing bands scheduled to play is too long to list but includes: Death Cab for Cutie, Iron & Wine, Queens of the Stone Age, Matisyahu, Nickel Creek, Panic! At the Disco, the Shins, Blues Traveler, Thievery Corporation, the Flaming Lips, Sonic Youth, Ryan Adams and She Wants Revenge — this is just to demonstrate the number of genres covered.

A three-day pass is \$130 plus shipping — a dollar a band. The more than 3,000 \$45 tickets already sold out in a mere 33 minutes. If you don't want to handle hotel accommodations yourself, the concert Website has a concierge site with packages for accommodations and tickets ranging from \$1,200 to \$4,200. The cheapest package has hotel accommodations at the Best Western Grant Park for a three-night stay for two people, as well as three-day passes to the shows, with the hotel in walking distance to the festival. The \$4,200 V.I.P. package also includes after-show tickets, money for all meals, private transportation to the show, merchandise, dinner for two, massages, facials and much more.

For those that want a little history, Lollapalooza was founded by Jane's Addiction singer Perry Farrell as a farewell festival for the band in 1991. Farrell chose the name due to its meaning of "something outstanding or unusual." The festival continued until 1997 and was started again in 2003. While Lollapalooza is now in a central location, it began as a touring concert in an attempt to bring music to the fans for a change. The original line-up of Ice-T and Nine Inch Nails set a precedent of combining genres that no concert had attempted before. Later headliners included the Smashing Pumpkins, Pearl Jam, the Ramones, Green Day, Beastie Boys, Snoop Dog, Incubus and A Perfect Circle, to name a very few.

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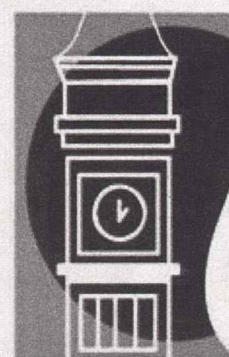
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“Recon” entertains gamers



ADAM GRIFFIS
Staff Writer

“Ghost Recon Advanced Warfighter” (“GRAW”) on the Xbox 360 is Ubisoft’s first tactical shooter for the next generation, and it’s an absolute triumph that bears nothing but good things for the coming years. Its level of immersion, graphical detail and simulation of advanced technology make “GRAW” a must-buy for fans of shooters.

The story of “GRAW” follows a Special Forces team in Mexico City fighting a rebel insurrection on the eve of the announcement of a new U.S.-Mexican alliance. Through the course of a couple of war-torn days, the squad rescues VIPs,

attacks enemy bases, recovers stolen material and scouts enemy strongholds.

The biggest addition in this iteration of the “Ghost Recon” series is the “Crosscom,” a device that’s actually in development by the U.S. Army to provide soldiers with information about their battle situation. It provides picture-in-picture communication with fellow squad members, pilots of helicopters and field commanders, as well as video feeds from unmanned reconnaissance vehicles and graphical overlays that help to pick out enemy soldiers.

This “Crosscom” is one of the coolest user interface ideas to come along in a long time, and it really does a lot more to help the game other than providing a cool gimmick. By allowing the player to coordinate and communicate with other battlefield elements, it helps to create the illusion that objectives have a real effect on the battlefield situation. It’s one thing to have a helicopter pilot tell you that around the corner there are heavy tanks waiting to ambush, but it’s quite another to see the direct feed video from his helicopter’s camera. The 3D map that’s in the Crosscom allows you to visualize and plan attacks much more effectively than 2D maps ever have.

What’s surprising is that this User Interface (U.I.) doesn’t break immersion; “King Kong” went as far as to remove it totally. You had to use clues like breathing and faded vision

to tell your health level, and your character would call out the remaining ammo as he fired shots. But in “King Kong,” this was just irritating, and you were incredibly aware you were playing a video game, whereas in “GRAW,” despite its oppressive U.I., the immersion factor is much higher.

A lot of this is due to the superb graphics in “GRAW.” This game is easily the most photo-realistic yet, and everything feels real. When you’re running, you can feel the weight of your body armor and equipment in your stilted gait, and when you slam your body to the ground to go prone or avoid enemy fire, your vision jars, you hear your armor clink against the pavement and you see your character slide realistically across the ground. When a grenade goes off or a cannon fires, your screen jars and sound dulls in a way that makes you feel the forces involved as if you were actually there.

There are complaints to be leveled against “GRAW,” of course. The multiplayer could be a really cool, fast-paced tactical shooter, but everyone plays online with infinite respawns. It turns into a wild run with a gun shooter that’s too chaotic to really have any element of strategy rather than a “Counterstrike” or “Rainbow Six” homage.

Also, near the end of the story, the developers start to use the “Crosscom” in some really cheesy ways, which makes everyone hacking into the system scream warnings at you.

New dance movie breaks no ground



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Art Director

“Take the Lead” feels like nothing more than second-hand refuse that’s made more than one cycle around that familiar green-arrowed Möbius strip. The film reveals everything that the railer unfortunately promised: a trite, idealistic examination of inner city life, troubled youth in the broken school system and how one person changed it all around with an unconventional teaching style that defied tradition. Sound vaguely reminiscent of “Stand and Deliver?” “Lean on Me?” Well, to put it simply, that’s because it is, and it does not get any better on the fifth go-around.

The film tells the story of a New York ballroom dance instructor named Pierre Dulaine and how he decides to teach ballroom dance to a group of troubled, inner city kids thought to be the school rejects during an after-school detention program. The kids don’t begin to fully appreciate dance moves like the foxtrot and the tango until they begin to mix elements of hip-hop into their moves and music. With the promise of an upcoming dance competition that comes

attached with a \$5,000 grand prize, the students begin to motivate themselves to take home the reward. The only things standing in their way are Dulaine’s other students, the rich, upper class snobs who pay big money to learn at his dance conservatory.

The film claims at the beginning to be inspired by a true story, but the story probably has as much factual accuracy as “The Amityville Horror.”

No one can deny that the real-life Pierre Dulaine was a very generous man whose contributions to the underprivileged definitely warrant a film, but not one of this poor caliber.

The film does raise a few excellent points about the need for accessibility of fine arts to disadvantaged youth, and a couple of severely underdeveloped instances involving the difficult life that these kids go through on a daily basis seem very poignant, but these stay so far buried behind corny one-liners and all-too-familiar plot contrivances that they come across as afterthoughts.

The dancing in “Take the Lead” doesn’t even live up to what it could be. Marred by an overuse of flashy editing and hyperkinetic cuts, the viewers’ eyes hardly have time to focus on the image onscreen before a new image appears. It is just one more reason why I think that the only “leading” this film will do is on its way to the bargain DVD bin at Wal-Mart.



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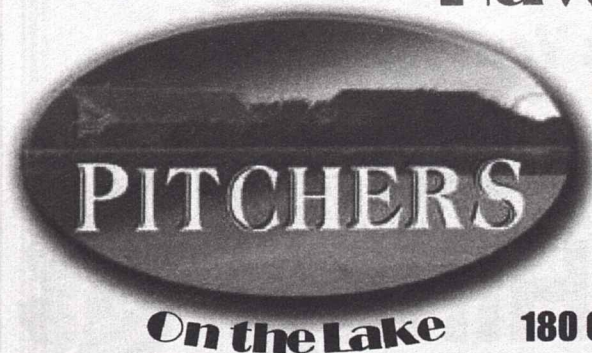
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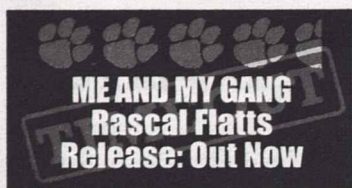
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Fame and fortune are two things that everyone dreams of; what it would be like to be on the other side of the fence, to see if the grass really is greener on the other side. For Gary Levox, Jay DeMarcus and Joe Don Rooney, the peek onto the other side began back in the late 1990s. Like many well-known artists of today, Rascal Flatts comes from humble beginnings.

Levox's career started back in 1992 while lending his vocal talents and very broad instrumental talents (he plays guitar, bass, keyboards, mandolin, along with many others) with a Christian band called East to West. Levox's cousin, Jay DeMarcus was not pursuing a career in music at the time, but in 1997, Levox convinced

Jay to leave his job at the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and give performing a chance.

From there, the two cousins headed to Oklahoma playing for Chely Wright in his band while performing at Printer's Alley Club, which is where they got together with lead guitarist, Joe Don Rooney. After cutting a few records the band caught recording company Lyric Street's attention, and next thing you know, country music fans had an amazing new band to sing to. When their first album was released in 2000, Rascal Flatts gained instant fame and was welcomed with open arms into the music industry. Six years, three albums and countless number one hits later, these Ohio natives have accomplished more than they ever imagined.

Recently, Rascal Flatts released their newest CD "Me and My Gang," their fourth CD since their inception. I was giddy with excitement as I was on my way to Wal-Mart to pick up my copy.

Kid Rock puts on flamboyant show for Littlejohn Coliseum

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Kid Rock's devoted fans came in their best leather and denim to Clemson to see their "long-haired, redneck, rock 'n roll Son of Detroit." Kid Rock and his Twisted Brown Trucker Band did not sell-out Littlejohn Coliseum (about 70 percent of the seats were full), but those who were in attendance witnessed a two-hour concert that was truly a spectacle.

Many of Rock's fans were satisfied by the intense hard rock show he put on at Littlejohn Coliseum on April 6. But for the less enthusiastic members of the crowd, like me, the show was overdone and the music annoying and meaningless.

Although the concert was held on campus, there was a severe lack of college students present. It seemed as though the two-for-one ticket deal could not pull in the interest of most of the student body. The audience was mainly made up of 30- to 40-year-olds and the occasional child sporting a Kid Rock t-shirt and a mullet.

Kid Rock's stage show was completely over-the-top. The stage took up almost half of the basketball court, and sprawled to the opposite sides of the coliseum. Above the stage was a large screen that flashed videos, photos and live feed of the show. It was covered in red carpet and curtains with gold accents found in the tacky gold eagles, staircases and disco ball. His name was in bright lights above the stage, add-

ing to the rock 'n roll feel of the set. The set also contained pulsing lights, pyrotechnic displays and immense speakers that made the whole coliseum bright and loud.

Kid Rock wore a bright red and gold outfit, with a simple "wife-beater" underneath. He has maintained the same look over the last decade: a lean frame matched with long, blonde, greasy hair.

Joining Kid Rock and his band onstage were four pole dancers, who excited the already raucous crowd. The dancers seemed to fit perfectly on the stage; I was not surprised to see them enter and start grinding the pole and each other.

Kid Rock and his band played numerous songs from his popular CD, "Devil Without A Cause," like "Where U At Rock" and "You Never Met A Mother**ker Quite Like Me." The set also included hits like "American Bad A*s" and "Son of Detroit."

The show concentrated heavily upon tributes and idolatry. Images of artists who seemed to influence Rock a lot were constantly being flashed upon the jumbo screen. These images included pictures of Bob Marley, the Ramones and Lynard Skynyrd. Rock and his band did brief covers of songs like "Free Bird" and "Back in Black." Most received immense applause from the audience.

Kid Rock also paid homage to the South and the United States as a whole. He got the crowd fired up with Southern rock songs like "Sweet Home Alabama," while

the Confederate flag popped up on the big screen (I still do not understand how Kid Rock is considered a Southern rebel rocker when he was born and raised rapping and beat-boxing in Detroit, Mich.). Rock finished his national tribute by singing "America the Beautiful," though off-pitch a bit.

One tribute that seemed extra special was one to his late friend Joe C. (Rock's former "lil' partner in crime" who died in 2000 at the age of 26 from an intestinal disorder), which showed that despite all the f-bombs and middle fingers that Kid Rock threw out, he could still be sentimental and remember a good friend respectfully. A recording of Joe rapping flashed on screen as the crowd simultaneously whipped out their lighters in remembrance.

The crowd was fully involved in the concert. The large stage allowed Rock to reach most of crowd. He ran and danced across the whole stage while asking the crowd to chant his name and throw some "metal" up (the horn hand symbol).

Although Kid Rock put on an exciting show, it was not my thing. I find his music to be simplistic and unnecessarily loud. Kid Rock, to me, is more of a persona rather than a talented musician. The concert was truly a spectacle, fronted by an animated man who sang hits from his old album as well as covers of other bands' songs. I believe that Kid Rock is a bit past his prime as his music does not seem to resonate like it has in the past. I think the

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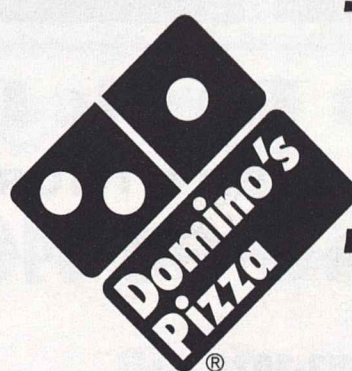
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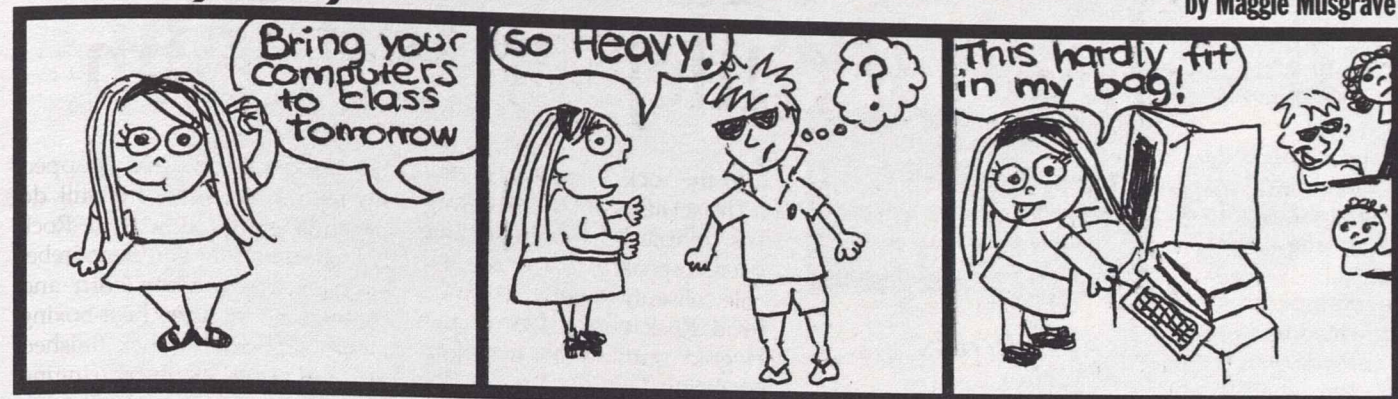
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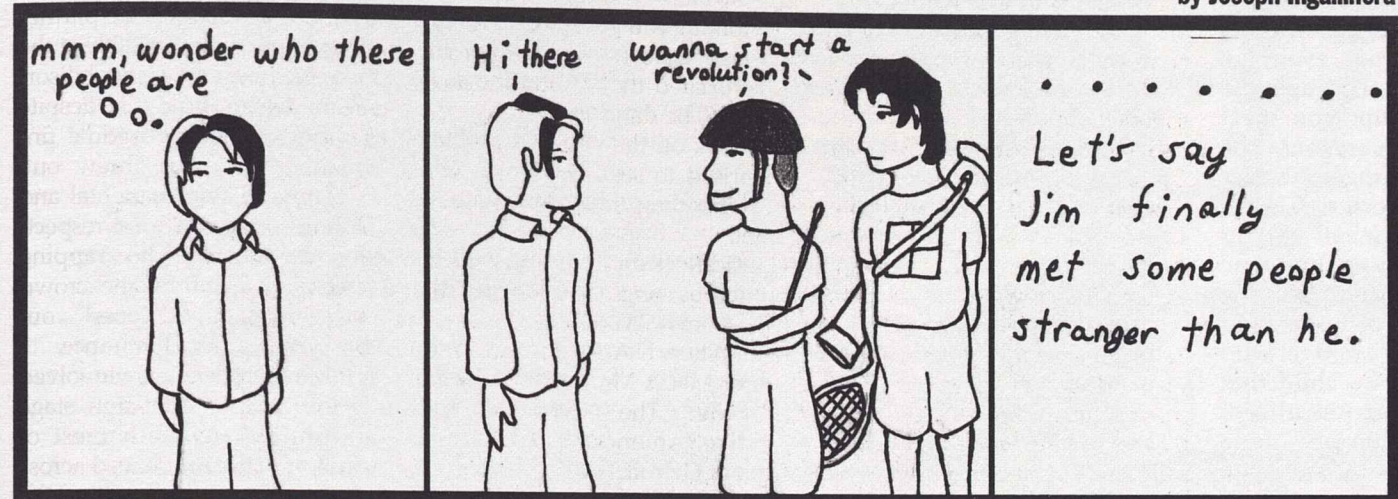
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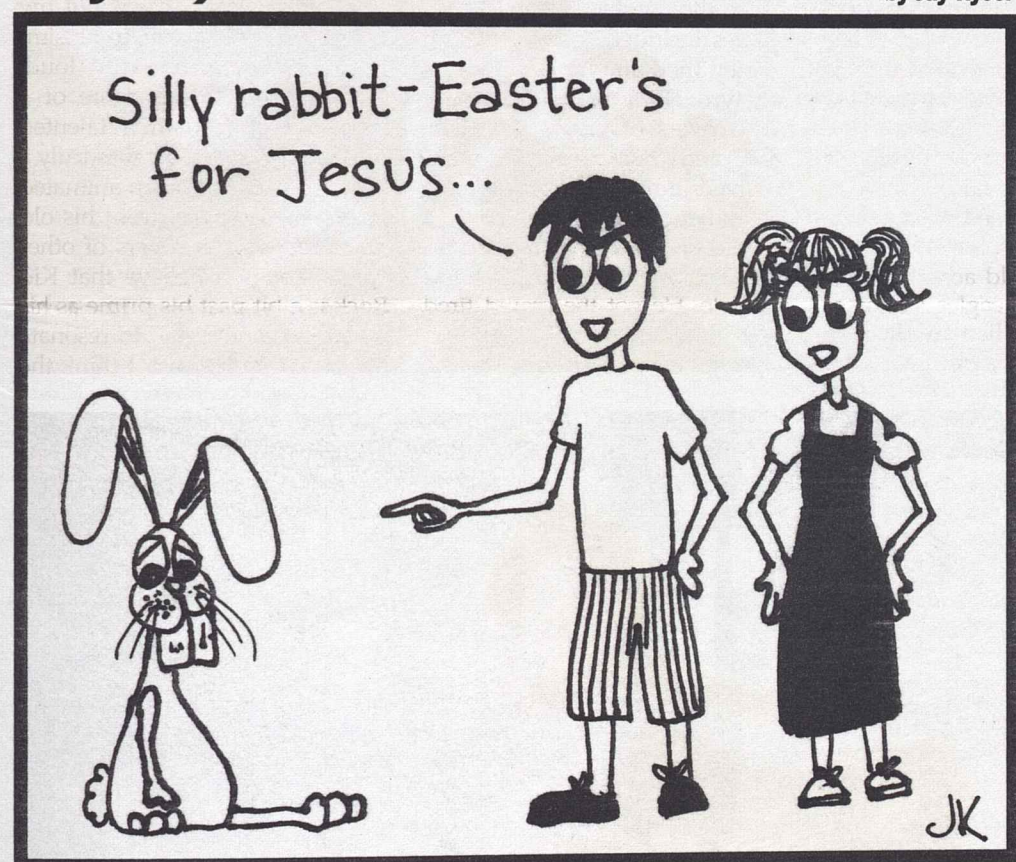
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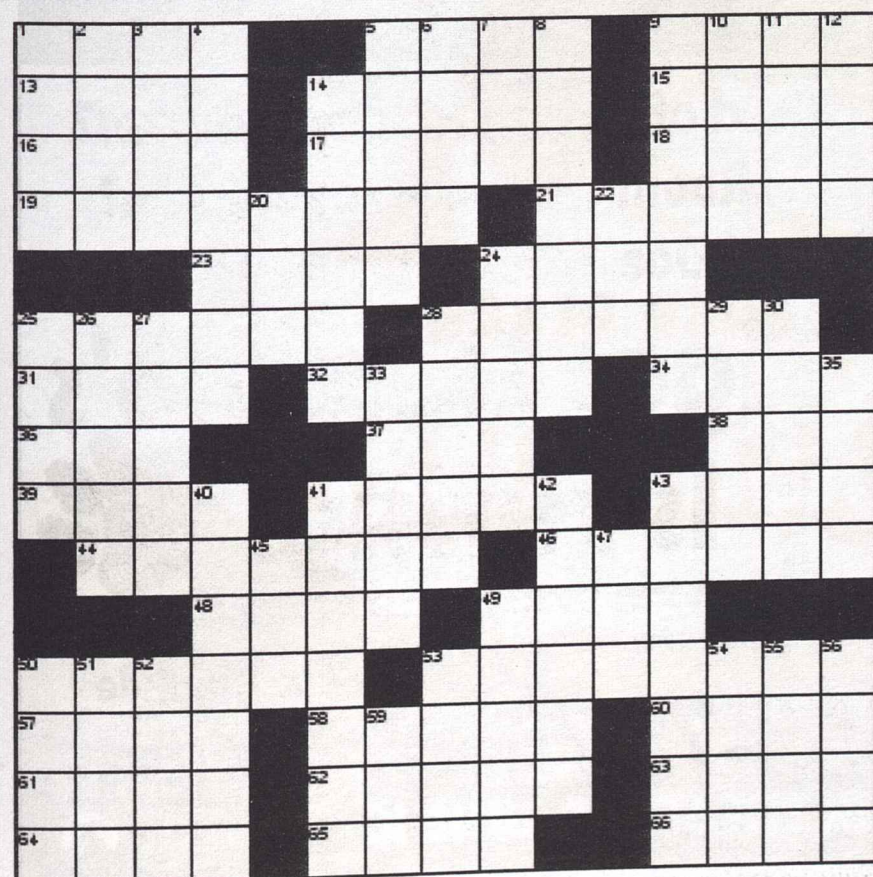
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“Benchwarmers” flop on ball field



NATHAN DAVENPORT
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I'll just come straight out and say it: I've seen more believable acting at a community playhouse than I saw in "The Benchwarmers." In preparation for this review, I had talked this movie up to several of my friends, eventually convincing them to see it with me. I have never spent more time in a movie apologizing to the people I brought.

The performances by David Spade, Rob Schneider and Jon Heder were so wooden that I just couldn't be convinced that any of them had ever acted before. Jon Heder especially proves to be the weakest link in this chain of actors, if a weakest link can indeed be determined, simply because he relies heavily on the pigeon-holed stereotype of the Napoleon Dynamite-esque character and doesn't offer anything new in this film. I couldn't tell whether the writing or the acting was worse because each verbal joke seemed to lean on the punch line, as if to say, "Get it? That's funny!"

The plot itself is extremely simple and weak. Three 30-something nobodies witness a baseball team of bullies picking on a helpless nerd and decided to intervene. This prompts Gus (Schneider), as the only member of the three loser adults who has ever played baseball, to get the other two losers involved in the sport. They end up challenging the bully team by themselves, and Gus proves to be a godsend to little league baseball — too bad he's far too old to be playing against them on any normal terms.

Long story short, the father of the nerd (Jon Lovitz) who was being picked on offers a

tournament where all of the state little league teams play the three adults for a chance to win their own baseball stadium.

Much like the humor, this plot fails to keep any interest simply because of its weak storytelling and the inability to generate any form of empathy from the viewer. The only reason to even remotely enjoy watching this film is the onscreen presence of three characters. No, not even the main characters. Through the course of the film, you meet Howie (Nick Swardson), the agoraphobic, younger brother of Spade's character; Carlos, an alcoholic baseball player from the Dominican Republic hired by the bullies to beat the unstoppable trio of losers; and Marcus Ellwood, a midget who was so bullied as a child that he had to be institutionalized. These three characters alone had me laughing any time they graced the screen, whether it was Howie eating sun block to counteract the "deadly" sun or Carlos drunkenly screaming out for his long lost Maria from the pitcher's mound midgame. Unfortunately, three minor characters do not make a movie.

If you sit for part of the credits, several deleted scenes and bloopers will roll. The final lines spoken in the entire movie are, "This was a complete waste of time, wasn't it?" The answer to that is, "Yes, yes, it was."



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A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN: The cast of "Benchwarmers" has no reason to celebrate.

“Smoking” promotes high theater attendance



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Staff Writer

Michael Jordan plays ball. Charles Manson kills people. Nick Naylor talks for a living.

Naylor is a Lobbyist for the Tobacco Industry who is played by Aaron Eckhart in the new film "Thank You for Smoking." He is a charismatic guy who can spin any situation with his smooth, charismatic talking.

"Smoking" is an adaptation of the novel by Christopher Buckley. Ironically, the film is a breath of fresh air as one of the most original movies released in years.

The movie takes a satirical look at the world of lobbying for Big Tobacco, but can be applied to big business in general. Naylor first appears on "The Joan Lunden Show" as the only voice representing tobacco. He uses his silver tongue to convince the audience that the tobacco companies' best interest is to keep a "cancer boy" alive and smoking. The angry audience turns to clay in Naylor's hands, and he chalks another one up for the smoking proponents.

Naylor is joined by fellow Merchants of Death (M.O.D. squad) Bobby Bliss (David Koechner, "Anchorman") and Polly Bailey (Mario Bello, "History of Violence"). At their weekly lunches, the M.O.D. Squad complains about the latest legislation to infringe their rights

to dupe the American public. Bliss warns Naylor about a sexy reporter who is looking to write a piece on what makes Naylor tick. The thrill? No, he just does it for the money.

That sexy reporter is played by Katie Holmes. Once again, Holmes relies on the use of her breasts to hide her poor acting, which wouldn't fill an A-cup. Heather Holloway (Holmes) sleeps with Naylor every chance she gets, and using her power of sex to get the dirt on Naylor, she publishes an article that will further her career but, at the same time, ruin Naylor's.

If dealing with that problem wasn't enough, Naylor also has to juggle spending time with his son Joey (Cameron Bright), who starts to come to terms with his father's career by following him on several "jobs."

Before Naylor throws in the towel after the article ruins his career, he has to square off with Senator Finistire (William H. Macy), the Birkenstock-wearing

senator from Vermont. The real message of the movie is shown in the Senate Judicial Hearing, where not an anti-smoking agenda is pushed but a freedom of choice. After being asked if Naylor would allow his son to smoke, he replies, "I'll buy him the first pack."

To round out the rest of the cast, there are some other big names. Robert Duvall is the dying legend in the tobacco industry; Rob Lowe plays a movie producer who doesn't sleep but is just as smooth a talker as Naylor; and Seth Cohen, I mean, Adam Brody is Lowe's neurotic assistant who had one too many espressos.

The all-star cast, except Holmes, brings a great dimension to the already enriched screenplay. The film has a political agenda, but it doesn't beat the audience over the head with it, ultimately leaving the choice to the people and not being arrogant enough to propose a solution to the problem.



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